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Dear Mr Andrews,

Freedom of Information Request 14/04/386

I write in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 4 April 2014:

1. *The number of enforcement notices sent to registered keepers for the M25 motorway all junctions under your control (please separate clockwise and anti-clockwise figures)*
2. *The number of accidents for the M25 motorway All junctions under your control. (please provide separate clockwise and anti-clockwise figures)*

Please provide the figures over the last 2 years on a monthly basis.

The number of officer and fixed camera notices issued for speeding offences on the M25 in the past 2 years broken down by month can be found in the following table:

Month	2012/13	2013/14
April	3	283
May	10	302
June	5	615
July	5	311
August	8	289
September	3	871
October	2	943
November	4	309
December	0	179
January	6	2
February	3	1
March	0	655
Total:	49	4760

Please note that the correct terms of reference for the clockwise and anti-clockwise carriageways of the M25 in Kent are the 'A' and 'B' carriageways. 'A' = Away from the Dartford River Crossing (clockwise), 'B' = Back to the Dartford River Crossing (anti-clockwise).

A breakdown of the number of notices issued for drivers using the 'A' carriageway and the number issued for drivers using the 'B' carriageway is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA by virtue of Section 31(1)(a) and 31(1)(b) which relates to 'Law Enforcement'.

Section 31 of the FOIA creates an exemption from the right to information if releasing the information would or would be likely to prejudice a range of law enforcement functions and activities including, (1)(a) the prevention or detection of crime and (1)(b) the apprehension and prosecution of offenders.

Section 31 is a 'prejudice based' and 'qualified' exemption. This means that we must consider the harm of disclosing the information and whether the public interest lies in favour or against disclosing the information.

After careful consideration of these points I determine that the public interest lies in favour of non-disclosure.

In normal circumstances our obligations under Section 17(1)(c) and 17(3) of the FOIA mean that a statement would be included within this response explaining why the exemption applies, the harm considerations and the public interest considerations. However in this case the provision of such a statement would in itself involve the disclosure of exempt information and as such Section 17(4) of the FOIA applies.

Section 17(4) states: "A public authority is not obliged to make a statement under subsection 1(c) or (3) if, to the extent that, the statement itself would involve the disclosure of information which would itself be exempt information."

The number of collisions recorded on the M25 for the same period broken down by month and carriageway can be found in the following table:

Month/Year	'A' Carriageway	'B' Carriageway	Carriageway Not Specified	Total
2012/13				
April	5	9	3	17
May	7	7	4	18
June	3	3	7	13
July	6	6	3	15
August	7	3	11	21
September	5	10	8	23
October	2	6	7	15
November	7	11	8	26
December	2	8	9	19
January	2	5	5	12
February	3	4	7	14
March	5	9	8	22
Total	54	81	80	215
2013/14				
April	3	3	9	15
May	6	1	9	16
June	6	2	10	18
July	6	4	15	25
August	5	1	11	17
September	3	4	6	13
October	3	5	12	20
November	3	10	7	20
December	5	5	7	17
January	2	3	5	10
February	3	2	5	10
March	0	6	8	14
Total	45	46	104	195

The information concerning collisions has been retrieved from the Kent Police Road Traffic Collision (RTC) database as at 17 April 2014, results are therefore subject to change. The RTC database holds details of all completed RTC report cards. RTC report cards are completed by a police officer or member of staff. To see the criteria for completion please see S.8.1 of Kent Police Policy P02b 'The Administration of Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Report' on the Kent Police web-site, accessible via the following link: http://www.kent.police.uk/about_us/policies/p/p02b.html

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the Freedom of Information Act generally, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Woolsey

Senior Freedom of Information Administrator

Your right to complain

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will conduct an internal review to investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 20 working days. If your appeal concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist the review if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

You may lodge your complaint by writing to:

Freedom of Information
Kent Police Headquarters
Sutton Road,
Maidstone
Kent
ME15 9BZ

Or by e-mailing freedomofinformation@kent.pnn.police.uk

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by Kent Police.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)
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