

REQUEST

I would like to request statistics and information under the Freedom of Information Act with regards to dangerous driving on the hard shoulder of the southbound exit slip road of the M6 at junction 4 (A446). Specifically, please provide the following information:

- The total number, specific dates and duration of patrols conducted with the aim of policing abusers of the hard shoulder the southbound exit slip road of the M6 at junction 4 (A446) in the period from January 1st, 2018 to July 27th, 2019.

We do not have any recorded information for January 1st, 2018 to July 27th, 2019 as Officers weren't completing worksheets at that time

- The number of drivers prosecuted as a result of Police patrols for driving along the hard shoulder of the southbound exit slip road of the M6 at junction 4 (A446) in the period from January 1st, 2018 to July 27th, 2019.

We do not have any recorded information for January 1st, 2018 to July 27th, 2019 as Officers weren't completing worksheets at that time in relation to patrol.

Prosecutions are held by the courts and not routinely fed back into our systems, therefore for each ticket issued we would need to manually locate and retrieve this information cross referencing with other systems to see if a prosecution has been recorded / if at all.

- Specific details of the measures which have been taken in order to resolve this persistent issue.

A neighbouring force made us aware of complaints they had received in relation to this, as this part of the motorway forms WMP responsibility, our CMPG department completed random checks to monitor the situation. 3-4 police cars were used to observe cars and monitor motorists / capture motorists, should they use the hard shoulder?

Following these checks the Highways Agency decided to use traffic cones to highlight to motorists that this section of the road was not to be used. However this was a temporary measure. In relation to future measures we do not have any recorded information held.

- Specific details of future planned monitoring improvements (e.g. cameras) or carriageway improvements which are to be implemented in order to resolve this persistent issue.

In relation to future monitoring improvements we do not have any recorded information held.