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2026/1008 - Menai Strait Crossings Traffic Enforcement and Incident Deployment Logs

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Regarding North Wales Police operational deployments, traffic management incidents, and enforcement activities related to the Menai Strait-road crossings (the Menai Suspension Bridge and the Britannia Bridge).

Specifically, I request the following information held by North Wales Police:

1.Weight Limit Enforcement and Breaches: The total number of logged incidents, emergency callouts, or interventions by North Wales Police involving vehicles exceeding the 7.5-tonne weight limit on the Menai Suspension Bridge (A5) from January 1, 2025, to the present date. Please include any recorded details on the number of drivers issued with fixed penalty notices or reported for prosecution for violating this restriction.

This isn't a figure we can obtain. However Welsh Government might be able to provide details of this as they have to keep closing the bridge based on the above.

The fixed penalty notices volumes are again difficult to obtain as locations are not recorded that accurately. However we have been running joint operations with DVSA at the location for a few months and any overweight offences are dealt with by that agency with North Wales Police only stopping vehicles on their behalf.

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2.Emergency Closure Deployments: A log of all police deployments to the Menai Suspension Bridge and its immediate approaches to assist with emergency closures, traffic control, or scene management following suspected weight-limit breaches or structural alarms during the period of September 1, 2026, to the present date.

This isn't data that we have but Welsh Government maybe able able to assist.

3.Gridlock and Bottleneck Incidents: The number of traffic-related incidents or obstruction reports logged by police dispatch concerning severe congestion, gridlock, or blocked junctions on the A5 Holyhead Road (Bangor), the A487 Antelope

Roundabout links, and A55 cross-island feeder routes during the 2026 summer tourism season (June to September).

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 14/10/2026