

**FOI Ref: OPCC 8 - 2025**

**Request: Dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

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1. Please can you advise me year on year since 2010 and up to now the number of dedicated Roads Policing Unit (RPU) or Traffic Officers there are in Dyfed-Powys Police?
2. What feedback has HMICFRS provided to you and Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the Roads Policing capability since 2010, please provide a copy if there is anything.
3. When your former Chief Constable came into post (Richard Lewis) what did he do to Roads Policing, my understanding is that he has decimated it, please comment.
4. Please provide me with KSI stats for Dyfed Powys since 2010 to now.
5. My understanding is that Road Safety and casualty reduction is a key priority of yours, can you please confirm this and explain why?
6. Has there been an exit of Roads Policing officers from Dyfed-Powys to other Police Services, if so, why is this? Has the Director of People undertaken exit interviews if this is the case?
7. BBC Wales recently quoted the number of penalty notices for breach of the 20mph limit, Ceredigion and Powys returned 0 figures, why is this?
8. Are you satisfied that all current Roads Policing officers or what ever you call them now are fully trained, that vehicles used by them are fully equipped with the best in car video, ANPR and other tools at their disposal.
9. What is the evidence base telling you of the current state of Roads Policing in Dyfed Powys?
10. Now that Richard Lewis, who I thought was passionate about Policing in Dyfed Powys, has ridden off into the sunset to DEFRA what is the current Temporary Chief's views on Roads Policing, it is you who has appointed Ifan Charles and it would be interesting to know as to what his take is?

This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed in July 2025

## Response:

We can confirm that we hold some of the information which you have requested. Where we do not have the information, advice is provided on the next steps.

1. **Please can you advise me year on year since 2010 and up to now the number of dedicated Roads Policing Unit (RPU) or Traffic Officers there are in Dyfed-Powys Police?**

I would advise that this is not information held by the OPCC, I would advise that this request is submitted directly to Dyfed-Powys Police who may or may not hold this information.

2. **What feedback has HMICFRS provided to you and Dyfed-Powys Police in relation to the Roads Policing capability since 2010, please provide a copy if there is anything.**

From the perspective of the OPCC, the only HMICFRS report specific to Roads Policing that has required a response was the inspection undertaken in 2020. The main inspection report can be read [here](#) and the Commissioner's response can be found [here](#).

3. **When your former Chief Constable came into post (Richard Lewis) what did he do to Roads Policing, my understanding is that he has decimated it, please comment.**

This is an operational policing matter which the Police and Crime Commissioner has held the Chief Constable to account on via governance arrangements. The most recent discussion on Roads Policing was on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025 and the minutes of the meetings can be found [here](#).

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**4. Please provide me with KSI stats for Dyfed Powys since 2010 to now.**

We do not hold the information from 2010 – 2014, however the information from 2015 is publicly available - <https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Transport/Roads/Road-Accidents/accidents/ksiroadaccidents-by-area-year>

For earlier information we would suggest that this request is submitted directly to Dyfed-Powys Police who may or may not hold the information.

**5. My understanding is that Road Safety and casualty reduction is a key priority of yours, can you please confirm this and explain why?**

The Police and Crime Plan highlights road safety as a priority within the Police and Crime Commissioner commitment to support safe communities by preventing harm. Road safety is also an issue that the public bring to the attention of the Commissioner during community engagement days and consultations, this therefore also informs the stance to include it within the Police and Crime Plan [Dyfed-Powys Police & Crime Commissioner](#).

The Commissioner's Annual Report provides a summary of work undertaken during the financial year, including progress against the Police and Crime Plan. This highlights specific activity in relation to Roads Policing, with detailed information in the 2023-2024 Annual Report which should provide you with assurance on the activity undertaken: [adroddiad-blynyddol-comisiwn-heddlu-2023-34-english-arlein.pdf](#). Previous annual reports are located in the following section of the website [Dyfed-Powys Police & Crime Commissioner](#).

6. **Has there been an exit of Roads Policing officers from Dyfed-Powys to other Police Services, if so, why is this? Has the Director of People undertaken exit interviews if this is the case?**

We do not hold this information and would suggest that this request is submitted directly to Dyfed-Powys Police who may or may not hold this information.

7. **BBC Wales recently quoted the number of penalty notices for breach of the 20mph limit, Ceredigion and Powys returned 0 figures, why is this?**

We do not hold this information and would suggest that this request is submitted directly to Dyfed-Powys Police who may or may not hold this information.

8. **Are you satisfied that all current Roads Policing officers or what ever you call them now are fully trained, that vehicles used by them are fully equipped with the best in car video, ANPR and other tools at their disposal.**

This would require an operational response and I would suggest that it is submitted directly to Dyfed-Powys Police.

However, I believe it is helpful to highlight that a representative of the Police and Crime Commissioner attends Dyfed-Powys Police's internal Strategic Policing Requirement Board, where Roads Policing capacity and capability is considered. The Police and Crime Commissioner is provided with a readout of these meetings to appraise him of any emerging risks. Should the Commissioner become alerted to any significant capability or capacity issues which present unmanaged risks to the organisation's delivery of roads policing, these would be raised via the Policing Board and Joint Audit Committee meetings. Minutes of these can be found on the Commissioner's website here: [Dyfed-Powys Police & Crime Commissioner](#).

**9. What is the evidence base telling you of the current state of Roads Policing in Dyfed Powys?**

At a meeting of the Policing Board on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, the Police and Crime Commissioner stated he had received a briefing on Dyfed-Powys Police's Roads Strategy, which he was supportive of. The Commissioner is due to receive a further update on progress against the Strategy in September 2025, where it is hoped he will be in a better position to comment. The minutes of the specific Policing Board meeting can be found [here](#).

Additionally, at a Strategic Performance Board meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 the Police and Crime Commissioner sought assurance on the Force's activity in response to the increased number of road traffic collisions and fatalities. The Commissioner was provided with assurance from the then Chief Constable Dr Richard Lewis that there was no pattern regarding the incidents that needed to be addressed and that the incidents on the roads were not linked to the restructuring of the roads policing unit within the Force. The minutes of the specific Strategic Performance Board meeting can be found [here](#) under agenda item 7.

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In relation to questions 1,4,6,7 and 10 I would advise that Dyfed-Powys Police may or may not hold this information. You can contact Dyfed-Powys Police to request a response by contacting their Freedom of Information Department directly via the following link [Make an FOI request to ask for information about the police | Dyfed-Powys Police](#). Or, alternatively with your consent I can forward on to Dyfed-Powys Police on your behalf. Please confirm this instruction within your response.