



20mph Engagement and Enforcement across Wales

“A sensible and proportionate approach to supporting Welsh Government in this positive and impactful legislation change”

The Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership (GoSafe) consists of all 4 Welsh police forces, the 22 Local Authorities and Welsh Government to deliver safer roads for all road users across Wales.

The Partnership has at its heart, the fundamental principle of **reducing casualties on our roads and saving lives**. Our small part in this endeavour has centred on education as well as enforcement through prosecutions.

That core principle will continue as we support Welsh Government to further reduce road deaths and make our roads a safer place for everyone.

GoSafe intends to deliver its support over the next 12 months and beyond in three key stages, that are fair and proportionate to all road users from pedestrians to motor vehicle users.

1. How will GoSafe help deliver safer roads through the initial legislation change?

As the legislation changes from 17 September 2023 in Wales, GoSafe will work closely with Local Authorities and Welsh Government to understand the levels of risk on the roads where the speed limit reduces to 20mph. GoSafe will mitigate the risk by identifying certain triggers that will ensure we review road speeds and where required carry out proportionate enforcement through engagement and prosecutions.

20mph roads will be considered for enforcement if they experience any of the following factors:

- A collision on the road. GoSafe will also learn from near misses, minor incidents and those more serious incidents along with [Operation SNAP submissions](#).
- Request from policing colleague or Local Authority to review the road.

Sites [meeting criteria](#) can be adopted, but these will be by exception within the first six months of the legislation change and must have *evidence* of risk to vulnerable road users.

GoSafe will listen to the community and its concerns to ensure we address those in a timely fashion. We will clearly set out our criteria so that you understand the way in which we assess those risks associated with each community concern.

Community Concerns will be responded to by consideration of information on current process and concerns held on file. We will aim to respond to all requests within two working days. These concerns will be passed to the “Operation Ugain (20)” team who will be able to deliver specialised engagement sessions to encourage compliance with the speed limit. Those who pose a danger to road users will be prosecuted.



GoSafe will work in partnership with Highway Authorities and ensure that the GoSafe staff who deliver education as well as enforcement are in the right place at the right time and for the right reason. We have finite resources to keep our roads safe and it's imperative we use that resource effectively and maximise the teams abilities.

Where a 20mph speed limit was in place and has been identified as an enforcement site prior to 17th September 2023, the location will carry on being enforced, pending a signage and Traffic Regulation Order re-check.

2. How will GoSafe continue to support local communities and ensure we continue to deliver an effective and proportionate service?

As the new speed limit becomes the normality for road users, GoSafe will continue to focus its efforts at addressing community concerns, encouraging the formation of [Community Speed Watch](#) Groups and use emerging intelligence to support enforcement in the most dangerous areas. We will work with new "Operation Ugain (20)" teams across Wales that have been created to deliver education and help alter driver behaviour through that education.

Complaints to be reviewed according to new criteria for 20mph. We will assign more weight to sites where: :

- previous 30mph enforcement took place (within the preceding 2 years)
- collisions have occurred post September 2023
- there is significant pedestrian movement and/or active travel infrastructure

Response for Community Concerns will be updated with current process and we will aim to respond within 2 working days.

The Operation Ugain (20)Team will continue to support engagement until 31st August 2024¹.

GoSafe will deploy its resources in an effective and proportionate manner to ensure we deliver a responsive service to the road user whilst delivering a value for money service.

GoSafe will continue to work closely with our partner agencies using intelligence and new data to shape how we enforce and where we engage.



¹ Pending funding award for 2024



3. What will GoSafe look like in the future and how will we continue to support the legislation changes?

GoSafe has enforced and educated drivers on 20mph roads (outside schools or in 20mph zones supported by engineering) for over a decade. The new default speed limit will become business as usual for both GoSafe and policing and will feature on our red, amber, and green priority sites across Wales. Although we will not see engineering help support the speed limits in a similar fashion to Zones we will continue to work with highway and local authorities and challenge them to assist in bringing down the road speeds on roads that require a collaborative approach.

20mph sites will be absorbed into usual site selection process from April 2024, with criteria for site selection being clear and transparent and published on our [website](#).