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NORTH WALES POLICE
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Response Date: **23/02/2018**

2018/109- Fixed Penalty Notices

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 1. When did the force last issue guidelines to officers regarding it's approach to ACPO's speed enforcement policy guidance of 10 per cent over the speed limit plus 2 mph?**

The last guide was in April and May 2017; this was reviewed at part of the review into Roads Policing.

- 2. What advice was given?**

North Wales Police continue to support the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) (which replaced ACPO) guidance on speed enforcement and follow the 10% plus 2 approach.

- 3. How many PCNs for speeding were issued in the six months prior to the introduction of new speeding fines in April 2017?**
- 4. How many PCNs for speeding were issued in the six months after the introduction of new speeding fines in April 2017?**
- 5. What proportion of the PCNs issued for speeding in the six months prior to the introduction of new speeding fines in April 2017 were challenged successfully?**
- 6. What proportion of the PCNs issued for speeding in the six months after the introduction of new speeding fines in April 2017 were challenged successfully?**
- 7. How much money did the force raise through the levying of speeding fines in the six months prior to the introduction of new speeding fines in April 2017?**
- 8. How much money did the force raise through the levying of speeding fines in the six months prior to the introduction of new speeding fines in April 2017?**
- 9. How many individuals who have taken part in a speed awareness course at the direction of your force since April 2017 have subsequently been issued with one or more further PCNs for speeding?**

Clarification

With reference to the Fol request sent yesterday, please note that 'PCNs' - penalty charge notices - referred to, should in fact have been Fixed Penalty Notices.

- The amendments to fines for speeding apply only to those imposed by Magistrates following a prosecution, not to Fixed Penalties issued by an officer or resulting from a camera detected offence.

- My question related to fixed penalty notices. However, please use April 24, 2017, as the relevant date from the question applies.

- North Wales Police do not receive any revenue from fines for speeding or any other offence. This is collected by HMCTS and passed to HM Treasury.

- **Understood. But the Force must have some idea of the number of fixed penalty notices issued, and therefore of their total value - which is the amount passed on to the Treasury.**

- Individuals do not take part in retraining courses 'at the direction of [the] force'; they are offered a course as an alternative to a fine or prosecution. The choice is entirely theirs.

- **Understood. But they do not do so without having accepted a charge of speeding issued by your Force.**

The total fixed penalty notices issued for speed offences occurring between the requested dates, by officers or following camera detection, are as follows:

24/10/2016-23/04/2017: 11,493

24/04/2017-24/10/2017: 8722

In terms of the proportion which were 'challenged successfully', this is not possible to quantify definitively. If mitigation was provided and accepted by the Evidence Assessors, this would be included in the general Cancellation figures, as follows:

24/10/2016-23/04/2017: 144

24/04/2017-24/10/2017: 110

However, please note: there are other reasons for cancellation which are not possible to identify without opening every notice which would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours and would be exempt under Section 12 (1) of the FOIA legislation.

The following totals were processed for a Court Hearing:

24/10/2016-23/04/2017: 1487

24/04/2017-24/10/2017: 1243

Of which some may have resulted in a successful challenge, but this information is not recorded on our systems.

Totals of payments received by HMCTS (@ £100) are as follows:

24/10/2016-23/04/2017: 9452

24/04/2017-24/10/2017: 7264

(N.B. these refer to payments made for the offences occurring within the date ranges shown, not necessarily payments received within those dates.)

671 individuals who have completed a speed awareness course referred by North Wales Police since 24 April 2017 have subsequently been issued with one or more further Fixed Penalty Notices for speeding.

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