



Heddlu Police

DYFED-POWYS

FOI Reference: 182/2021

Request:

My request for information is regarding the number of motorist caught speeding/delt with fines for speeding in the UK or in your County/Borough since the lockdown started in March 2020 and the following year before this. If you have any information regarding this, I would appreciate this. If you have only information per calendar year only, can you email me this for the calendar year of 2020 and 2019 so I can compare the stats with the previous year, with my team?

Clarification sought from applicant:

Do you wish to know the number of people stopped by an officer for speeding offences? If you are seeking the number of people caught speeding by a fixed/mobile camera then you will need to submit a request to the Safety Camera Unit in Pontypridd.

You asked for the number of motorists dealt with a fine for speeding. Do you wish to know the number of individuals that have been issued with a conditional offer or the number of people given a fine at court or both?

Can you also clarify if you wish to have data from 1st March 2020 to 28th February 2021 or from 23rd March when we officially went into the first lockdown. Would you also like data from 1st March 2019 to 28th February 2020?

Response from applicant:

I would ideally require information for both the; number of people stopped by an officer for speeding offences and the number of people caught speeding by a fixed/mobile camera.

Can you forward my query to the safety camera unit in Pontypridd or send me the contact email/info for this if possible, please?

Could I have figures for both the number of people given a fine at court and conditional offer too please?

In terms of the dates for these to be between, I would prefer both sets of data however, if its simpler, I would be happy with just statistics for the dates between; the start of 2019 to the end of 2019 and the start of 2020 and end of 2020.

Response:

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1) (b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Dyfed Powys Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information you have requested. However we are withholding the whole of the requested information since we consider that the Section 12(1) exemption the Cost of Compliance exceeds the Appropriate Limit applies to it.

Section 12 (1) – The cost of compliance exceeds the Appropriate Limit

Section 12(1) states: "...Section 1 (1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit."

The cost of providing you with the information requested in respect of your request is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would exceed 18 hours (i.e. minimum of **28.30** hours) to comply with this part of your request. The regulations can be located @ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/3244>

The Freedom of Information department has been advised that the information in respect of your clarified request is not held in an easily retrievable format. In light of this and in order to accurately obtain the information relative to the part of your clarified request relating to the number of individuals fined at court for the time frame stipulated would involve Dyfed Powys Police accessing and reviewing speeding records that have been referred to court to ascertain if that record resulted in a fine at court. It has been established that there are a total of 566 records that cover the period of your request i.e. calendar years 2019 and 2020. It has also been established that it would take a minimum of 3 minutes to review and ascertain if a single speeding record resulted in a fine at court. The process outlined results in the below time estimate.

2019 = 277 speeding records@ a minimum of 3 minutes per record = 13.85 hours

2020 = 289 speeding records@ a minimum of 3 minutes per record = 14.45 hours

Time estimate to complete task = 28.30 hours

Please see the end of the document for information that has been provided outside of the FOI Act and as a gesture of goodwill relating to the number of individuals stopped by an officer and given a conditional offer of a fixed penalty and the contact details for the Safety Camera Unit (for fixed and mobile camera offences).

In accordance therefore with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for the Whole of this request under Section 17(5) A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is relying on a claim that section 12 or section 14 applies must, within the time for complying with section 1(1), give the

applicant a notice stating that fact. You may wish to refine and resubmit your request so that it reduces the time shown above to fall within the 18 hours, should you require any further advice in relation to this matter please don't hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Unit. Please also be advised that should the request be refined, it does not remove the public authorities right to cite exemptions if relevant.

Although excess cost removes the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act to provide any further information, as a gesture of goodwill, I have provided information, relative to your request which has been easily retrievable and outlined below. 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.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of individuals stopped for speeding by an officer and given a Conditional offer of a fixed penalty</i>
<i>2019</i>	<i>545</i>
<i>2020</i>	<i>537</i>

In relation to the number of speeding fines issued by mobile and fixed cameras, this information can be requested from the Safety Camera Unit; the contact details are as follows:

*Safety Camera Unit
PO Box 95
Treforest
Pontypridd
CF37 9DH
Tel: 01443 660402
Email: swpctoadmins@south-wales.pnn.police.uk*

(This is a response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and disclosed on 29/03/21)