

FOI Request - 2018013

Question:

1) Can you confirm if your force uses the thresholds as published in the "ACPO Speed Enforcement Policy Guidelines 2011 - 2015: Joining Forces for Safer Roads" version 3.0 document as a basis for policy influencing decisions on whether to prosecute motorists found speeding? Section 9.6 has the relevant table and can be found here: <http://www.acpo.police.uk/documents/unif...>

Response

Yes. South Yorkshire Police Conforms to the thresholds outlined in the ACPO Speed Enforcement Policy Guidelines 2011-2015 document to which you refer.

Question:

2) If this is part of force policy and procedures are they treated as guidelines or are there any checks to prevent prosecutions under the thresholds given, such as review by a designated decision maker or is it solely on the discretion of the officer in case?

Response

All Offences within South Yorkshire that are detected by means of a camera device are within the ACPO Guidelines. See Section 9.4 and 9.6. Police Officers do have discretion to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice or Summons if they believe an offence has been committed. See Section 9.3 and 9.7

Question:

3) Can you confirm how many prosecutions or fixed penalty notices were issued to drivers that were below the threshold of speed awareness courses in the ACPO guidance (for example between 31-34MPH in a 30MPH limit or 51-56MPH in a 50MPH limit zone) since 2016 broken down by calendar year.

Response:

There have been no prosecutions or Fixed Penalty Notices issued for offences under the threshold of Speed Awareness Courses.

Question:

4) If the force does not use the threshold mentioned at point 1, what threshold does it use giving examples for 20mph, 30mph, 60mph & 70mph speed limits.

Response:

This question is not applicable we do conform to the thresholds mentioned in question 1.