

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request 457/16 - 20 mph limits

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PROCEDURE TITLE: Speed Enforcement

IN SUPPORT OF POLICY: [Roads Policing](#)

CONTACT DETAILS: Chief Inspector, Motor Patrols,

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Procedure to be applied in the enforcement of speed restrictions within the Northumbria Police area.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: [Complete](#)

AUTHORISED PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (APP) NATIONAL GUIDANCE: [AVAILABLE](#)

Complaints of speed will be measured and validated through the Northumbria Safer Roads Initiative (NSRI). This is achieved through roadside data monitoring and historic intelligence.

When a complaint is received at NSRI and the location is already an existing public concern or core site, the complainant will be advised. If not, recent speed data will be checked, or obtained, then analysed.

If there is a genuine speed problem, the local area command will be advised to provide the appropriate response, utilising trained staff with approved hand-held devices or other relevant resources/tactics. Allocation of Motor Patrols will be through a request to Chief Inspector Motor Patrols (South). Any communication with the complainant will be by the owning area command.

Periodic reviews will be conducted to ascertain if interventions have been effective. If they have, this information will be relayed to the complainant by the area command. If they have not been effective, the NSRI will be advised, who will then assess whether the site meets the criteria to be a public concern site. If not, it will be returned to the area command.

If it does meet the criteria, NSRI may provide Vehicle Activated Signage to the area command and may subsequently commence graded camera enforcement.

Further periodic reviews will be arranged with the area command, the Camera Enforcement Unit Sergeant and NSRI to establish further response.

Officers should refer to the flowchart attached, as a guide to dealing with speed-related problems

Enforcement of 20mph limits

20mph limits will only be enforced in exceptional circumstances and where ALL four criteria listed below apply:

- There is a validated high non-compliance to the 20mph speed limit.
- There is a verified link to excess speed and collision data.
- The enforcement of the 20mph site is only a temporary measure whilst awaiting an

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- engineering solution.
- There is viable deployment (i.e. technical capability, suitable geographical site, health and safety measures addressed).

CRITERIA: Motoring offences; traffic

ACCESS AND DISCLOSURE RESTRICTIONS: None

FORMAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS: None

IS A LOCAL PROCEDURE REQUIRED IN SUPPORT OF THIS DOCUMENT: No

This instruction is designed to avoid discrimination and in accordance with the Human Rights Act 1998 and its underlying principles.