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Dear Mr Meadley,

Freedom of Information Request 21/01/0139

I write in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 30 January 2021.

The relevant department has been contacted and the responses to your request are detailed below.

My request, therefore, is to know, in relation to the enforcement of the Covid-related legislation:

(1) how many immigrants have, on arrival on UK soil, been subject to Kent police action,

To date we can confirm that 337 migrants have arrived and had direct police contact or been escorted to 'Tug Haven' a Border Force reception centre. Please note that additional individuals will have arrived and been dealt with directly by Border Forces and the Coastguard.

(2) how many residents of camps housing asylum seekers, have been issued with penalty notices or subject to other enforcement action,

To date there have been a total of 17 Fixed Penalty Notices issued to individuals that at the time were residing at the Napier Barracks in Folkestone. It should be noted that Kent Police have been following the 4 E's approach, to Engage, Explain and Encourage with enforcement as the final stage.

(3) for comparison purposes, how many other persons have been sanctioned in the County.

A total 1,336 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued since March 2020 to 1 February 2021.

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the Freedom of Information Act generally, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Ratcliffe

Public Disclosure Officer



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Your right to appeal

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have 40 working days from the date the response is issued to request that Kent Police carry out an internal review.

If your request for a review concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

Kent Police will acknowledge receipt of any request for a review and aim to respond as soon as practicable, in most cases within 20 working days of receipt. If the review will not be completed in this timescale, you will be informed.

You may lodge your request for a review in writing:

Our email address is: freedomofinformation@kent.police.uk

Our postal address is:

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Coldharbour,
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If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner who would normally expect you to have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by Kent Police.

For information on how to appeal to the Information Commissioner please visit the website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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0303 123 1113