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Dear Mr Alfred

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 000116/17

The following request for information under the Freedom of Information Act was received by NPCC on the date listed above.

Applicant Question:

The ACPO issued guidance for prosecuting speeding traffic based on 10%+2 mph; that is to say for example that in a 30mph limit offending drivers would only be followed up if they were exceeding 35 mph.

The Government over many years has run an anti-speeding campaign that starkly points out the potential difference in outcomes to a child of being hit by a car travelling at 30 vs 40 mph: an 80% chance of survival for the former; an 80% chance of being killed by the latter.

The very clear message from the Government is that '30 means 30', whereas by contrast the ACPO is saying that 35 is OK. For the ACPO to say this it must have conducted a thorough risk analysis that proves that the risk of injury at 35 mph is no greater than at 30mph, otherwise it would in effect be sanctioning not only breaking the law but also accepting that the increased risk to the public is in some way acceptable.

What information is available that summarises the work that took place before this guidance was issued, particularly the risk assessment that proves there would be no adverse consequences whatsoever.

NPCC Acknowledgement:

Your request will be considered in accordance with the legislation and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days, subject to the provisions of the Act. In the unlikely event that NPCC is unable to meet the 20 working day deadline, you will be informed as soon as possible and given a revised timescale for response.

If your request requires full or partial transference to another public authority, you will be informed. Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Sherry Traquair on telephone number 02380 478922 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely



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