West Midlands Police Freedom of Information

1. How many people have been fined for not wearing a face mask? Please give statistics for the past eight calendar weeks?

2. Out of all the persons that have been fined for not wearing a face mask how many people have stated that they are mask exempt due to an illness or disability.

For the offences of not wearing a face covering specifically the answer is 22 – only 1 stated they were exempt but were unable to provide an exemption

| Date       | Total |
|------------|-------|
| 02/07/2020 | 2     |
| 04/07/2020 | 1     |
| 06/08/2020 | 1     |
| 15/09/2020 | 1     |
| 02/10/2020 | 3     |
| 09/10/2020 | 1     |
| 12/10/2020 | 1     |
| 19/10/2020 | 1     |
| 22/10/2020 | 2     |
| 23/10/2020 | 2     |
| 27/10/2020 | 1     |
| 04/11/2020 | 2     |
| 05/11/2020 | 4     |

3. Please clarify if your police officers would still tackle somebody wearing a mask exemption lanyard for not wearing a face mask?

Each case is dealt with on its own merits there isn't a definitive list of what is or isn't allowed. Officers need to ask questions to establish if the reason given is appropriate or not.

4. In how many cases have police offers asked to see visible medical evidence with regards to face mask exemptions?

In order to locate and retrieve this information we would need to conduct a manual search of all relevant records which would exceed the FOI time limit.

5. Within your police force how many officers are mask exempt due to a long term disability or illness?

This information is not held by West Midlands Police, as far as we are aware there is no list of which disabilities and illnesses are exempt, however if we did have a list of all officers medical issues we would still be unable to provide that information.

6. How many complaints have the constabulary had regarding too the policing of face masks?

Our Professional Standards Department have conducted a keyword search of their database for the words 'Face Mask' and also searched via Covid sub type but we did not find any complaints/allegation related to 'Face Masks'