

Request Reference: 12126/16

1. How many prosecutions have taken place within the last 12 months of motorists displaying registration marks illegally on their vehicles?

Between the period 01/11/2015 and 31/10/2016 we issued 96 VE94134 (Drive vehicle with registration mark not conforming) notices.

2. What is the official policy of West Midlands police for dealing with individual motorists whose vehicles are displaying registration marks that have been mis-spaced or otherwise misrepresented?

There is no specific Force Policy in relation to how we deal with misrepresented number plates.

It is down to the individual officer what action they may wish to take, some of the options available are;

Roadside advice/caution

Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS) 14 days to rectify the defect.

Traffic Offence Report - £100 fine

It has been agreed by ACPO and the DVLA that where action is taken officers should also make a report to the DVLA, this report will contain photographs of the illegal plate or plates.

The DVLA will then take appropriate action when the reports are received.