

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information about the number of roads policing officers and fixed penalty notices being issued to speeding drivers.

1) How many traffic police officers or roads policing officers has the force employed for each of the following years:

- i) 2014
- ii) 2015
- iii) 2016
- iv) 2017 to date

	TOTAL
HMI return figures 2013/14 police officer headcount (data retrieved 31/03/2014)	205
HMI return figures 2014/15 police officer headcount (data retrieved 31/03/2015)	265
HMI return figures 2015/16 police officer headcount (data retrieved 31/03/2016)	268
01/03/17 police officer headcount	186

Traffic officers from the HMI return figures for 2013/14 and 2014/15 were identified using the HMI function number 54, defined as:

54 - Traffic:

- Staff who are predominantly employed on motor-cycles or in patrol vehicles for the policing of traffic and motorway related duties. This includes officers employed in accident investigation, vehicle examination and radar duties.
- Include staff who are predominantly employed to support the traffic function of the force including radar, accident investigation, vehicle examination and traffic administration.
- Include those officers working with hazardous chemicals, and those administrative staff predominantly serving the internal needs of the traffic function of the force and those officers/staff in supporting roles.

Traffic officers from the HMI return figures for 2015/16 and the 01/03/17 headcount figures were collated using the Police Objective Analysis number 4, defined as:

- 4) Road Policing
 - a. Traffic Units
 - b. Traffic wardens / Police Community Support Officers - Traffic
 - c. Vehicle Recovery
 - d. Casualty Reduction Partnership
 - e. Road Policing Command Team and Support Overheads

2) How many volunteers are there in the force area who are trained to operate speed guns as part of residents' groups or 'Community Speedwatch' groups?

Please provide the figure for each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2014
- ii) 2015
- iii) 2016
- iv) 2017 to date

The cost of locating and retrieving the information for questions 2 and 3 would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000

Please see note below in relation to questions 2 and 3.

3) Please state the number of warning letters that have been sent to drivers by your force warning them that they have been recorded as speeding, based on speed readings taken by a volunteer or member of a community speed watch group.

Please provide the figure for each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2014
- ii) 2015
- iii) 2016
- iv) 2017 to date

To try to assess how many people have used a speed watch gun and how many warning letters have been sent from 2014 to date on a yearly basis would exceed the FOI time limit. We do not have a central database that records what is being asked in questions 2 or 3.

4) Please provide a breakdown of how many fixed penalty notices or `speeding tickets`, have been issued to motorists caught exceeding the legal speed limit by:

- A - static speed cameras
- B - hand-held speed guns
- C - mobile police safety camera vans

Please provide these figures for each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2014
- ii) 2015
- iii) 2016
- iv) 2017 to date

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions to specific exemptions of the act.

Notice Type	Notices Issued			
	2014	2015	2016	*2017
Camera	13922	6086	23448	4426
Mobile	35597	35382	27987	3201
Officer Issued	2806	3276	2064	230
TOTAL	52325	44744	53499	7857

* Report for 2017 run from 1/1/2017 - 19/3/2017