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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 198/2023**

Thank you for your request for information regarding fixed penalty notices, which has now been considered.

**Applicant Question:**

The total number of people with an address in England to whom Coronavirus fixed penalty notices (FPNs) were issued in Wales.

The number of people with an address in England to whom a Coronavirus fixed penalty notice (FPN) was issued for contravening the restriction that no person living outside Wales may enter or remain in Wales without a reasonable excuse.

**NPCC Response:**

The NPCC does hold recorded information captured by your request. The information captured engages S21 exemption which is information reasonably accessible by other means.

This is the lawful response I am obliged to provide however, in wishing to provide assistance I have set out below the information already published, with direct web-links for your convenience.

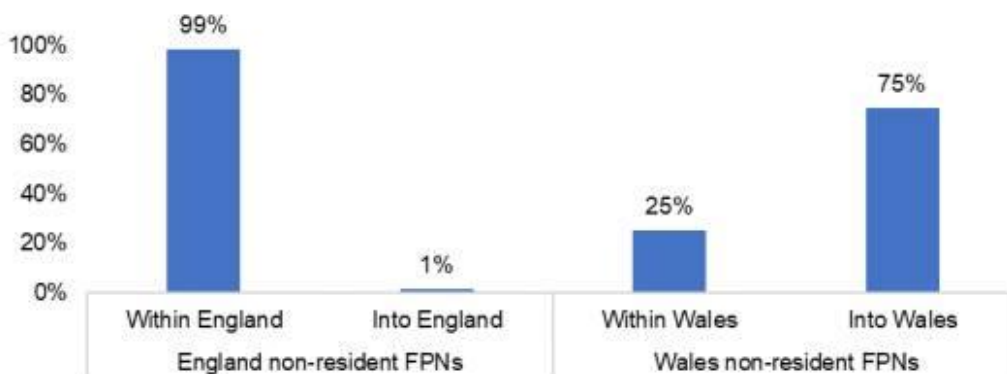
The report examines data on FPNs issues in England and Wales between 27 March 2020 and 31 May 2021 in relation to illegal travel and movement, social gatherings, and failure to follow instructions. The report focuses on who received fines, where and why they were issued, and how patterns of usage varied over time as the restrictions changed. The report excludes data on FPNs issued in relation to businesses, organising large gatherings, international travel and face-coverings.

1. The total number of people with an address in England to whom Coronavirus fixed penalty notices (FPNs) were issued in Wales.

The NPCC commissioned a report titled Policing the Pandemic in England and Wales: Police use of Fixed Penalty Notices from 27 March 2020 to 31 May 2021 by the University of Edinburgh.

The full report can be found [here](#). Pages 50 – 56 provides specifically:





**Figure 13. Percentage of FPNs issued for cross-border travel by type within country, 27 March 2020 to 31 May 2021, England and Wales**

Note: Percentages are calculated within country of issue

Between 27 March 2020 and 31 May 2021 police officers in England and Wales issued 122,506 FPNs (110, 502 in England and **12,004 in Wales**) in relation to breaches of restrictions on movement, attending gatherings and failure to comply with instructions.

2. The number of people with an address in England to whom a Coronavirus fixed penalty notice (FPN) was issued for contravening the restriction that no person living outside Wales may enter or remain in Wales without a reasonable excuse.

The NPCC published a [data-pack](#) titled Update on Coronavirus FPNs issued by forces in England and Wales, and the payment of FPNs.

The full data pack can be found [here](#). Page 7 provides specifically:

Regulations	Jurisdiction	Reason for issue	England	Wales	Total
	England and Wales	Contravene restriction that no person living outside Wales may enter or remain in Wales without a reasonable excuse	N/A	92	92

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## COMPLAINT RIGHTS

### Internal Review

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have been provided with, in compliance with the Freedom of Information legislation, you can lodge a complaint with NPCC to have the decision reviewed within 20 working days of the date of this response. The handling of your request will be looked at by someone independent of the original decision, and a fresh response provided.

It would be helpful, if requesting a review, for you to articulate in detail the reasons you are not satisfied with this reply.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email to NPCC Freedom of Information, c/o PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 9FS.

If, after lodging a complaint with NPCC, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

## **Annex A**

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the NPCC, when refusing to provide information by way of exemption in question and (c) states why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a refusal notice to those aspects of your request.

### **Legislation – Section 16**

- (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.