

ADVICE**Background**

1. The UK Government increased the fine amounts for breaches of its Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) 2020. The increases came into force on Wednesday 13 May. The table below shows the amounts of fines that can now be issued.

First Offence	£100 ¹
Second offence	£200
Third Offence	£400
Fourth Offence	£800
Fifth Offence	£1600
Upper limit	£3200

2. Prior to this change, the fine for a first offence was £60 raising to £120 for a second offence. The UK Government increased its fine amounts in consultation with its police forces.
3. In Wales the fine amounts continue to be £60 for a first offence rising to £120 for a second and subsequent offences.
4. There has been an increasing call from both Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables in Wales for the Welsh Government to increase fine amounts for FPNs in line with England. The rationale for their position is that there has been an increase of non-compliance in the last few weeks, which is likely to continue; increased traffic into Wales from England; and the complexities brought about by the differences between regulations in England and those in Wales which is making enforcement difficult.
5. PCC **NR** (Chair of the Policing in Wales Group) and CC **NR** **NR** (Chair of the Welsh Chief Officers' Group) wrote to you on 15 May setting out the joint position of Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables in Wales. You replied to the letter on 18 May requesting further evidence to support their case. The information was submitted on 18 May. The following information was requested:
 - the number of offences;
 - the number of fines issued to residents outside of Wales, the number issued to residents of Wales;
 - the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued to repeat offenders; and

¹ The amount for the first offence is reduced to £50 if it is paid within 30 days of issue.