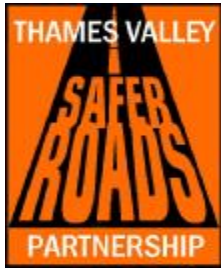


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Telegraph Cause Confusion with Alleged Speed Camera Lottery

In their article of 31st December, The Daily Telegraph alleged that a national postcode lottery exists for drivers caught speeding. The article suggests that you could be twice as likely to face prosecution in some areas even against neighbouring forces.

Their argument rests on the proportion of Notices of Intended Prosecution (NIPs) that result in a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) being issued. This figure is substantially affected by three factors:

- 1) Police forces vary in the way in which the process is recorded. In some areas an NIP is only recorded once the driver has been identified, in Thames Valley an NIP is recorded when the vehicle is identified.
- 2) Thames Valley has the country's largest speed awareness scheme, offering drivers an opportunity for training rather than points. Around 25% of all offences could be eligible for the training option, and would therefore not result in a fixed penalty notice.
- 3) The figures quoted by the Telegraph are also not accurate. The article is based on financial information about each partnership published by the Department for Transport. In some cases these figures have been adjusted by the Telegraph to fit the story and avoid some reporting difficulties.

To view the finance sheet please visit:

<http://www.saferroads.org/media/foi/performance/Audited-Grant-Claim-Form---04-05.pdf> or www.dft.gov.uk/safetycameras

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