

SUMMARY OVERVIEW – 3E INTERACTIONS, WARNINGS AND FIXED PENALTY NOTICES RELATING TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS



Wiltshire and Swindon

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Period covering 27 January – 24 February 2020

This report covers the period from **27 January to 24 February 2021**. During this period the country has been in lockdown and schools have been closed. From the 29 December 2020, the Government announced a third national lockdown with associated restrictions placed upon the public.

As this is the third national lockdown which we have all experienced, we now expect the public to have a good understanding about what they can and cannot do. Whilst our policing approach remains one of engaging with communities, explaining the law and encouraging people to adhere to the rules ('3E interactions'), we will move quickly to enforcement action where we see people blatantly breaking and flouting the law and issue fines where it is appropriate to do so.

The message from the Government, the NHS and Public Health England is clear – stay home, protect the NHS and save lives, only leaving home to go out in line with the limited exceptions permitted by the law.

During this timeframe, Wiltshire Police have created 1128 COVID-19 logs. This is an increase of 452 logs (+67%) from the last period, which includes online reports relating to COVID-19.

20 3Es interactions have been recorded in this period, with the focus moving to the stronger enforcement using FPNs. Of these 3Es interactions, 4 were regarding individuals not wearing a mask, 11 related to large groups and 5 related to failure to isolate. Wiltshire also issued 378 COVID warnings during this timeframe.

Wiltshire Police have issued 249 COVID-related FPNs in this period, with 71 being issued for indoor gatherings of two or more people. There have been several large parties that officers have had to attend and disperse.

Wiltshire Police have, so far, issued four FPNs to individuals for failing to wear masks in public out of a total of 631.

We would like to thank the majority of the public within our county for their compliance with the Government measures, and the effort our communities are making in the fight against the spread of this virus. Coronavirus is still a threat - please remember 'Hands, Face, Space'. Stay alert and help control the virus

Please visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus to keep up to date with the restrictions in place and how they may impact you and your families.

Stay Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives