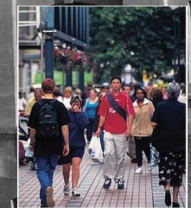


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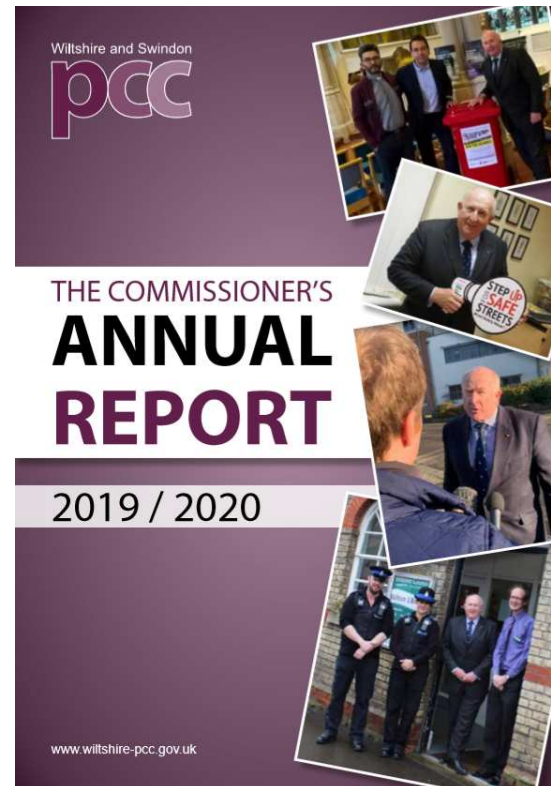
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# Recent major publications



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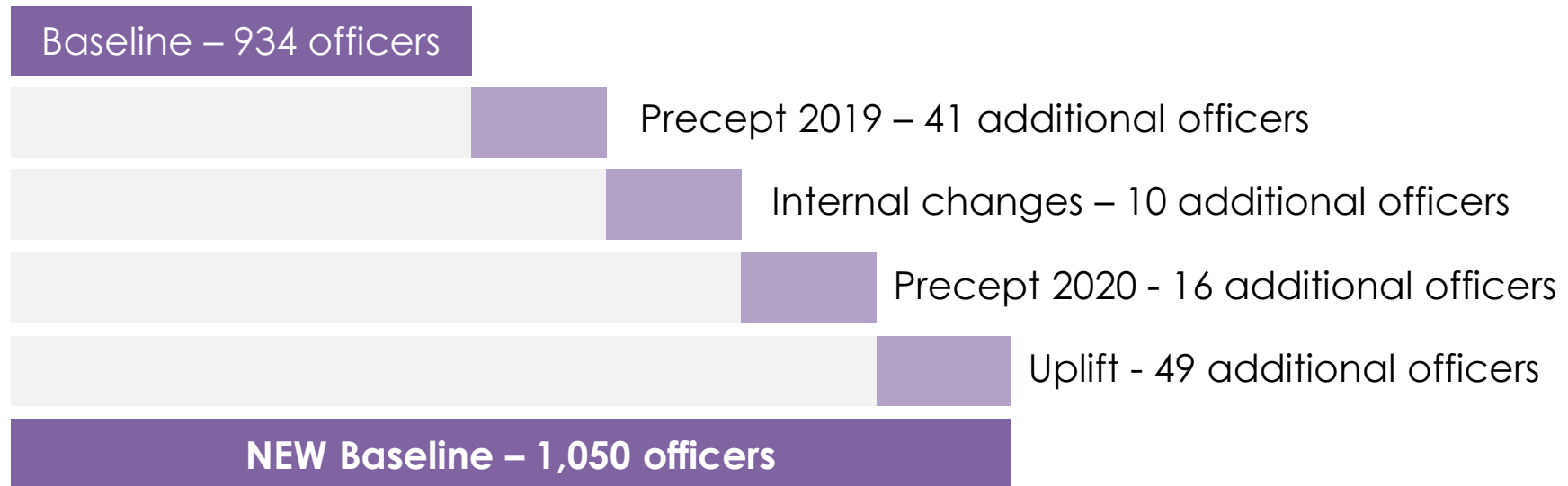
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# 'Operation Uplift'

Operation Uplift is the **national** announcement of a further **20,000 police officers** to be achieved by March 2023

The police service has been asked to introduce **2,000 extra officers by March 2020**, rising to **6,000 extra officers by March 2021**.

## Local context:



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# Recruitment intakes

## Police officers:

Date officers start training	Number of officers	When the officers join local teams	When the officers finish tutorship
<b>Feb-20</b>	20	Aug-20	Oct-20
<b>Jun-20</b>	40	Nov-20	Jan-21
<b>Oct-20</b>	20	Apr-21	Jun-21
<b>Jan-21</b>	40	Jul-21	Sep-21
<b>Mar-21</b>	20	Aug-21	Oct-21

## Police Community Support Officers:

Date PCSOs start training	Number of PCSOs	When the PCSOs join local teams
<b>Aug-20</b>	17	Nov-20
<b>Jan-21</b>	16-20	Mar-21
<b>Jul-21</b>	16-20	Oct-21

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# Policing during the pandemic

- The Government has provided the police service with additional powers to police regulations issued because of the pandemic. The detail of these powers has changed on a number of occasions
- Wiltshire Police follows the College of Policing guidance to ENGAGE, EXPLAIN and ENCOURAGE, only ENFORCING as a last resort
- All Fixed Penalty Notices issued are scrutinised both for correct use of the legal powers and for proportionality. Wiltshire has led the way in the latter, and in the transparency it demonstrates in reporting this. Only a small proportion of the FPNs have been rescinded
- The latest report can be found on the PCC's website at:

[www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/article/5952/Coronavirus](http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/article/5952/Coronavirus)



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**SUMMARY OVERVIEW - FIXED PENALTY NOTICES RELATING TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

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Lockdown period covering 24 July - 20 August 2020

In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown, the Government introduced new legislation on 24 July aimed at slowing the spread of the virus and protecting the public as lockdown eases and businesses begin to re-open. The legislation requires members of the public who do not hold an exemption card to wear face coverings in a number of different settings including shops, supermarkets and on public transport.

Further to this, legislation also requires members of the public to self-isolate for 14 days after return to the UK from a number of countries on the COVID-19 'at risk' list.

Failure to comply with this government legislation gives police the power to sanction a £100 fine with the serving of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs).

Throughout the easing of the lockdown period, Wiltshire Police have continually adopted an approach to Engage, Explain, and Encourage compliance with COVID-19 guidance and we resort to Enforcement only as a last resort. This approach has been very successful, with very high levels of compliance from the public within the county.

This updated summary of the use of FPNs in Wiltshire and Swindon covers the new regulations in order to ensure transparency and openness with our communities around any enforcement action that Wiltshire Police have taken.

Therefore, this report covers the period from 24 July 2020 to 20 August 2020.

During this timeframe, Wiltshire Police have created 161 COVID-19 logs, which includes online reports relating to COVID-19. Out of these logs Wiltshire Police received 10 calls for assistance to help enforce the face covering legislation from businesses and concerned members of the public.

There have been zero FPNs issued by Wiltshire Police in relation to Covid regulations since 31 May 2020.

To date Wiltshire has issued zero FPNs regarding individuals not wearing a face covering in public and individuals who are required to self-isolate post travel.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon has approved a process to provide scrutiny and oversight of the legality and proportionality of FPNs. A Scrutiny Panel meets regularly to review and test all pro-forma templates issued in Wiltshire and Swindon with an option to rescind unlawful and/or disproportionate notices.

These reviews also ensure learning is captured at an organisational and individual level. As part of the scrutiny, disproportionality is considered and, if appropriate, local inspectors will be tasked to engage with their local Independent Advisory Groups (IAGs).

The Scrutiny Panel reports into a Strategic Leaders meeting and is also reported into the Wiltshire Police strategic oversight governance meeting which is attended by the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner. The process as a whole is overseen by the Deputy PCC and Deputy Chief Constable.

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