

PE1600/N

Petitioner submission of 4 September 2018

It is now over two and a half years since I submitted this petition and at this point I am of the opinion that Police Scotland are playing a waiting game in order not to support the implementation of the petition owing to the financial implications of doing so.

Scotland is fully 10 years behind the rest of the UK in making Speed Awareness Courses available to those deemed as likely to benefit from such a course. In 2013 an [independent review](#) of the benefits of the Speed Awareness Course, carried out by Professor Robert Martin of Aston University Birmingham, concluded that the course clearly demonstrated that there was an improvement in drivers behaviours following attendance on the course.

This report has been available for scrutiny for over 5 years and Police Scotland could have been trailing the course based on those findings, and in a position to reach its own conclusions.

It was reported in the media in December 2017 that these courses were to be offered, however Police Scotland are still scoping and now awaiting on a report from the UK government.

Why do we in Scotland not have access to this course now in the same way as the rest of the UK?