

I am currently working towards a PhD, researching shift work and driver fatigue in serving police officers and staff. I would like to request the following information that I believe will be held by you and should be easily accessible;

- 1) Does your force currently have a policy, procedure or guidance in relation to driver fatigue? If so, could I please be supplied with a copy?
- 2) Over and above any policy, procedure or guidance in place, do officers and staff receive any further training / input in relation to keeping themselves safe whilst driving, particularly for night driving or whilst commuting?

West Midlands Police do not have a specific policy in relation to Driver Fatigue, however within the Standard and Advanced Car students course how to recognise and manage stress and fatigue is covered, although this seems to be a common sense approach taught in the lesson plans, covering factors such as: new baby, illness, divorce etc that may affect driving standards and it is personal responsibility and colleague responsibility to monitor as such who gets behind the wheel on duty.

We also refer to:

WMP SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- **NPU's / Departments should have a system requiring officers / staff to 'check in' with a supervisor for instances that extend beyond 12 hours duty or following a particularly traumatic incident, so that the supervisor can review an individual's fatigue level and specifically address any driving concerns. The supervisor should record this in their pocket note book**
- **There should be local arrangements in place to accommodate the rare occasions when an officer or staff member is too tired to drive home, e.g. using public transport, providing a lift etc, and if necessary, the return journey to work.**
- **Supervisors promoting the sharing of driving duties where possible**

Please also see: <https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/road-policing-2/police-driving/#health-and-safety>