

REQUEST**1. Please provide the number of police officers currently trained to the response/standard and advanced levels of driving.**

The force currently has 697 officers trained to Advanced Car level. No student officers are authorised to train at advanced level. There are 1679 officers trained to standard level.

2. Additionally, please specify the number of officers within their probationary period that are trained to response/standard level.

Once student officers are signed off as fit for independent patrol they are eligible to attend a standard car course if posted to a Response role only. Unfortunately although our records show who is trained and when they were trained, it doesn't show which officers are student officers.

To identify which officers are student officers, would require a manual search of all student officer training records to see if they have attended a driving course or not . To complete this work would exceed the cost threshold under FOI.

3. If possible, please include a copy of the service's driving/driver training policy.

This is the current policy

<https://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Driver-Policy-1.pdf>