



# Ministry of Defence Police

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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: TRAINED POLICE OFFICERS EXCEEDING SPEED LIMITS.**

We refer to your email dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to the Ministry of Defence Police which was acknowledged on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

- 1. Do you impose restrictions on how much a police driver trained to standard level can exceed the speed limit when making lawful use of exemptions ?**
- 2. If yes to question 1 please provide details of the limits imposed.**
- 3. Please provide the relevant policy and procedure documents that detail how a standard level driver may make lawful use of speed exemptions.**

A search for information has now been completed by the Ministry of Defence Police and I can confirm that we do hold information in scope of your request.

- 1. Do you impose restrictions on how much a police driver trained to standard level can exceed the speed limit when making lawful use of exemptions?**

No

- 2. If yes to question 1 please provide details of the limits imposed.**

No information held.

- 3. Please provide the relevant policy and procedure documents that detail how a standard level driver may make lawful use of speed exemptions.**

The College of Policing; Police Driving - Authorised Professional Practice is the policy and procedural document in combination with the relevant legislation and states:

*Even where a statutory exemption exists, the police driver must always give due regard to their driving manner and behaviour.*

### [Police Driving - Collage of Policing](#)

Use of an exemption to speed limits is covered by the relevant legislation contained within S87 of the Road Traffic Regulations 1984:

*No statutory provision imposing a speed limit on motor vehicles shall apply to any vehicle on an occasion when it is being used for ... police purposes, if the observance of that provision would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.*

The individual must be trained, or is being trained, in the driving of vehicles at high speed for that purpose.

### [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk).

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Yours sincerely

**MDP Secretariat and Freedom of Information Office**