

# Cleveland Driver Improvement Scheme Policy Statement



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## 1. Policy statement

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Cleveland Police is committed to reducing the number of casualties on the roads.

Driver Improvement Schemes are seen as best practice by the HMIC (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary) and the schemes are fully endorsed by both the Department of Transport and ACPO (Association of Chief Police Officers).

It is the intention of the Driver Improvement Scheme to remove those drivers who have offended against Section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (or similar offences) from the criminal justice system and offer them a course of rehabilitation.

This force in conjunction with other agencies has participated in the Cleveland Driver Improvement Scheme which was set up in light of the Road Traffic Report of 1998 (North Report). This report highlighted that there is little public interest in voluntary refresher training for drivers. It argues that driver training is likely to show promise only if it is offered to drivers who are likely to benefit from it and are willing to undertake it. The report stated that "it must be in the public interest to rectify a fault rather than punish the transgressor".