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## Operational Partnership Group – Update Paper

### Speed Awareness Courses [redacted]

#### Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide a response to the Operational Partnership Group (OPG) following an action to stakeholders to produce an update relating to Speed Awareness Courses [redacted] for speeding offences in Scotland.

The action was raised after an options paper regarding the introduction of Speed Awareness Courses (SAC) in Scotland was presented to the Road Safety Strategic Partnership Board (RSSPB) in March 2017. [redacted]

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#### Background

Inappropriate vehicle speed remains a significant contributor to road casualties. The probability of being seriously injured in a collision rises significantly with small increases in speed. The risk of serious injury to a correctly restrained car occupant in a front seat travelling at 30mph is three times greater than at 20mph. At 40 mph it is over five times greater.

Speed limiters and engineering do achieve reductions in speed with certain drivers, however there is a need for long term attitudinal and behavioural changes to ensure drivers take full responsibility for their actions. By addressing a driver's behaviour towards driving at inappropriate speeds, the intention is to reduce re-offending and ultimately contribute towards road safety.

For a number of years, police forces in England and Wales have used diversionary courses to influence driver behaviour. SAC is one such course, designed to achieve these aims by focusing on those travelling at a speed within set thresholds.

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The Scottish Government's (SG) Road Safety Framework contains a commitment to consider the merit of introducing SAC in Scotland. As a result, the Lord Advocate has given Police Scotland permission to carry out scoping work to evaluate the feasibility of introducing such courses in Scotland.

**[15 lines redacted exempt.]**

In conjunction with partners, Police Scotland are committed to exploring the introduction of SAC and are currently undertaking work in this regard. This work is in support of a report to the Road Safety Strategic Partnership Board due in September where an update regarding the introduction of SAC will be presented.

**Conclusion**

**[9 lines redacted exempt.]**