



**PUBLIC PETITION NO.**

**PE01600**

**Name of petitioner**

John Chapman

**Petition title**

Speed awareness courses

**Petition summary**

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to introduce speed awareness courses.

**Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition**

I have approached my local MP about introducing speed awareness courses in Scotland. My local MP forwarded my concerns to the Scottish Government. The Scottish Government's reply noted that it is considering introducing speed awareness courses as part of its Framework to 2020. In this regard, it is liaising with its Road Safety Strategic Partnership Board (including Police Scotland and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service) and stated the introduction of any such speed awareness courses in Scotland would require a robust evidence base and the approval of the Lord Advocate, who would also decide how they would be used in practice.

**Petition background information**

Speed awareness courses were introduced in England in 2008 and have had a yearly uptake of over 300,000. These courses are available to people who have dropped their vigil on a rare occasion, rather than people who are habitually speeding and have accrued many points on their licence. Speed awareness courses are common practice for such people throughout the UK, including in Wales and Northern Ireland.

Under UK law, drink-driving awareness courses are already available in Scotland for those who are found guilty of a drink-driving offence and receive a driving ban of twelve months or more. My understanding is that the Scottish Government has been considering the merits of introducing speed awareness courses for some time. Surely by now there is plenty of evidence-based information for the Scottish Government to pursue a thorough examination of the information and approve the introduction of this course to the benefit of the people of Scotland.

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<http://ww3.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/PE01600>

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