



Freedom of Information request ref 01/FOI/25/3276
We received your request on the 21/03/2025.

Request

You asked us:

If a serving officer wears hearing aids does that preclude them from performing certain roles in your service. Specifically I am referring to response driving and firearms. Is there a standard for hearing for certain roles including circumstances where the officer concerned uses hearing aids?

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Our response:

Each case is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

The current position is that the wearing of hearing aids is permissible in the basic Police Officer role. There is a requirement for testing with hearing aids insitu and individual's hearing must still meet the required police officer hearing standards.

The national Firearms medical standards do not currently allow the wearing of hearing aids for Firearms Officers.

There is no restriction on the wearing of hearing aids for response drivers as long as they meet the requirements of the basic Police Officer role.