Police National Hearing Survey 2024 Recommendations

Data from the survey has shown that hearing loss within policing begins to occur at younger ages when compared to general population data.

For this reason, the following recommendations have been made:



National Understanding

Police Staff/Officers exposed to loud environments and wear radio earpieces

They are higher risk of hearing loss. Not only firearms officers



Support

End stigma and create safe working environment

Forces duty under Equality Act 2010 to make reasonable adjustments



Update Medical Standards

To be re-written and updated. Only for Police Officers and written in 2006

Operational Police Staff roles must be included



Functional Hearing Tests

Tests for those who already have shared their hearing loss.

Need to adopt consistent recruitment standards across forces



Technology

Research new technology advantages vs current earpieces including bone conducting headsets

Potential for reducing hearing loss for Police Officers and Staff



Connection

Connection of hearing aids to radio headsets and other equipment

Future proof hearing accessibility needs



Mandatory Hearing Tests

Completed every two years for all operational roles This will be in line with current rules for sight tests