

Louise Hunt
Senior Coroner for Birmingham and Solihull

26 August 2025

Dear Ms Hunt,

Muhammad Qasim - Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths

Thank you for your Regulation 28 Report dated 25 June 2025 concerning the tragic death of Muhammed Qasim. We acknowledge the concerns raised regarding the current guidance within the Police Pursuits Authorised Professional Practice (APP), and the delivery of police pursuit training to police drivers.

We understand your primary concerns relate to:

- The lack of clear guidance within the Police Pursuits APP on the definition of a 'spontaneous pursuit', which may lead to inconsistent interpretation.
- Potential variations in the delivery of police pursuit training across different forces.

The College of Policing remains committed to supporting operational excellence and public safety across all forces. In response to your report, we have taken the following actions and made the following commitments:

- We have liaised directly with ACC [REDACTED], NPCC National Lead for Police Pursuits, to consult on the content of your report and the concerns raised.
- We have reviewed the current Police Pursuit APP guidance. While the initial definition of a police pursuit is considered clear and appropriate, we acknowledge that the term 'spontaneous pursuit' may be open to interpretation. This could suggest that a pursuit might occur without first meeting the established definition.
- We will progress an amendment to the Police Pursuit APP to replace the reference to 'spontaneous pursuit' with clearer, more precise guidance aligned with the National Decision Model (NDM).

We have reviewed the current training requirements for police pursuits:

- The Code of Practice on the Management of Police Pursuits (Home Office, 2011) states that Chief Officers should arrange the selection, training, and authorisation of officers involved in pursuits in accordance with national standards. These national standards are set out in the Police Driving National Policing Curriculum and cover the initial phase pursuit, tactical phase pursuit, and command and control. It is the responsibility of each Chief Officer to determine the operational deployment of officers trained and authorised in both the initial phase (response drivers) and tactical phase (advanced drivers).
- The Police Pursuit APP outlines the roles and responsibilities of officers during a pursuit and mandates that only those trained and authorised to College standards may be directly involved. The standardised delivery of police driver training is now a legal requirement under the

Road Traffic Act 1988 (Police Driving: Prescribed Training) (Amendment) Regulations 2025.
Police Driver Training Units are subject to annual quality assurance and licensing by the College of Policing to ensure compliance.

We are committed to ensuring that the learning from this case leads to meaningful and lasting improvements in policing practice and will continue to work closely with NPCC leads and police forces to ensure that national guidance and training reflect best practice and support safe operational decision-making. We aim to publish the revised guidance by December 2025, subject to consultation and governance processes. The College will continue to monitor and address any inconsistencies in training delivery through its QA framework and feedback mechanisms. We will also ensure that learning from this case is disseminated nationally through our operational learning channels, including bulletins and updates to training materials.

We extend our sincere condolences to Muhammed Qasim's family and thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We remain committed to ensuring that police pursuits are conducted safely, lawfully, and in a manner that maintains public confidence.

Yours sincerely



Chief Constable

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