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Colin Phillips

Acting Senior Coroner
[REDACTED]

Dear *Mr. Phillips,*

I write in reply to your letter dated 9 October 2020 to Chief Constable Jukes (former Chief Constable of South Wales Police), regarding the inquest into the death of Brian Griffiths. Mr [REDACTED] asked me to respond to your letter on his behalf, in my capacity as Assistant Chief Constable with responsibility for Roads Policing in South Wales Police.

The circumstances that you describe in your letter, concerning the death of Brian Griffiths, are as recorded by South Wales Police. As you outline, the first collision involving the same driver (aged 91 years) occurred on 29 April 2019 and was dealt with by way of Section 170 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (exchange of details). A D751 Medical Referral was not made on that occasion as the submission criteria was not met. However, in June 2019 the same driver applied for the renewal of his driver's licence and on 10 July 2019, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency confirmed that he passed the required medical standards for safe driving and renewed the licence. This process did not involve medical tests but did follow the process required for an elderly driver and his General Practitioner signed through the license renewal, confirming medical fitness to drive, without requiring additional tests to be undertaken. Therefore, in the circumstances of this matter, the driver's medical fitness to drive was subject of review between 29 April 2019 and 30 September 2019.

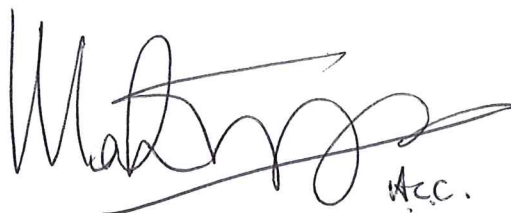
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South Wales Police welcomes receiving correspondence in Welsh and English.
Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.



South Wales Police is committed to ensuring and improving the safety of road users within the force area and identifying opportunities for early interventions for those whose driving is found to fall below the required standard. Therefore, prior to receiving your letter, the South Wales Police Serious Collision Investigation Unit (SCIU) had already engaged with colleagues in Dyfed Powys Police to fully understand the elderly person referral scheme that they have in place, to inform a review as to how South Wales Police could establish a scheme of a similar nature. In addition, Inspector [REDACTED] Head of SCIU, has also engaged colleagues in Criminal Justice Services, the Motoring Unit and the Wales Mobility Driver Assessment Service, who facilitate the running of the courses, to discuss the implementation of the scheme in South Wales. The timescales for implementation of the scheme in South Wales Police is May 2021, however the relevant departments and agencies are working to deliver it earlier, if possible.

The death of Brian Griffiths was, and remains, a tragedy and I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of South Wales Police, to express my sincerest condolences to his wife, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Morgan', with the initials 'A.C.C.' written below it.

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Assistant Chief Constable