



Policy Title: Crime Investigation Management Policy

Date Reviewed: February 2021

The College of Policing undertakes its own equality impact assessment and ECHR review relating to their Authorised Professional Practice (APP). This policy has been reviewed for any local variance and has no additional impact.

1. Rationale

This policy sets out the minimum standards for the investigation and management of crimes, and is aimed at staff investigating crimes and supervising officers. The policy and associated Operational Guidance replaces any previous policy, standard operating procedures and guidance concerning crime investigation and management.

2. Intention

2.1. The intention of this policy is to:

- Improve the quality of service to victims of crime.
- Ensure consistency between Thames Valley Police LPAs and other operational units in the investigation of crime.
- Deliver effective and sustainable crime investigation and management.
- Reduce crime by effective identification of, and dealing appropriately with, offenders

2.2. This will be achieved by:

- Establishing a corporate approach to crime investigation
- Setting minimum standards for crime investigation, management and documentation
- Setting minimum standards for the supervision of crime investigations
- Ensuring that APP is recognised and adopted
- Minimising the bureaucratic burden on operational staff

3. General Principles

3.1. All reports of crime will be dealt with in line with the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS), the Home Office Counting Rules (HOCR) for recorded crime and in accordance with Standard 9 of the Code of Ethics 2014 (obligation on staff to comply with NCRS).

3.2. Separate Crime Recording Policy and related Crime Recording Operational Guidance documents concerning crime recording are available and should be considered alongside this policy.

3.3. A police investigation may relate to criminal or non-criminal activity and includes all investigations within the scope of the Criminal Procedures and Investigations Act 1996, Professional Standards enquiries or investigations conducted on behalf of Her Majesty's Coroner.

3.4. The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime and The Witness Charter set out obligations on the investigator to offer appropriate support to victims and witnesses. These should be consulted when investigating and managing all cases.

4. Statement of Policy

4.1. The Force has adopted APP which provides definitive guidance on the key principles of investigation, irrespective of nature or complexity. Investigations will be conducted in a manner consistent with that guidance.

4.2. TVP Operational Guidance on Crime Investigation Management uses the basic principles contained in APP and will be followed in all investigations, by attending, investigating and supervising officers.

5. Challenges & Representations

Any challenges or representations in respect of the contents of this policy should be directed to:

Detective Chief Superintendent Force Crime
Thames Valley Police Headquarters
Oxford Road, Kidlington
Oxon, OX5 2NX

6. Communication

This policy will be published on the Policy Management Unit Intranet site and will be promoted in Managers' Briefing and "In the Know".

7. Compliance and Certification

7.1. Freedom of Information Act

This policy will be made available to the public via the Thames Valley Police Freedom of Information Publications Scheme.

7.2. Government Security Classification Policy (GSCP)

This policy has been assessed as requiring a security classification of OFFICIAL.

7.3. Health & Safety at Work

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Force Health and Safety Manual the Generic Risk Assessments (GRAs) for General Patrol, Custody, Protection of Vulnerable Persons (PVP) and local risk assessments. The nature of crime investigation will mean that supervisors should closely

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monitor their staff to ensure they are supported. Where they identify stress arising from the nature of the work, supervisors will refer the staff member for appropriate support.

Statutory duties are set out in the Health and Safety at Work 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work regulations 1999.

7.4. Monitoring and Review

Next review: February 2022