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Reporting Crime in the Metropolitan Police Service

Introduction

This policy brings together the various ways in which crime can be reported in the MPS.

Application

This policy takes immediate effect.

All police officers and police staff, including the extended police family and those working voluntarily or under contract to the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) must be aware of, and are required to comply with, all relevant MPS policy and associated procedures.

However, this policy applies in particular to officers and staff in the following roles:

- All Police Officers and Police Staff involved in recording initial investigation
- Front counter staff
- Computer Aided Despatch (CAD) and Metcall staff
- Telephone Investigation Bureau (TIB) staff

Note: This list is not intended to be exhaustive

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to serve as a reference document with regards to reporting of crime in the MPS. It puts all the different ways of reporting crime into a single point of reference and brings a corporate approach to crime reporting.

Scope

This policy covers the various ways in which an initial report of crime can be made. However, it does not detail the initial or secondary investigation of crime as this is covered by a separate policy.

Policy Statement

The MPS is committed to recording every allegation of crime correctly, with integrity and in accordance with the National Crime Recording standards. Each allegation will be dealt with sympathetically whilst taking account of each individual victim's needs.

Benefits

The policy will ensure:

- That the MPS provides a service that will enable members of the public to report crime in confidence
- That MPS personnel are given a framework for the various ways in which crime can be reported
- A corporate approach to crime reporting
- Different ways for reporting crime to be fully utilised by having a single reference document.
- That response to disability issues will be enhanced by adhering to minimum standards of access and equipment

Responsibilities

Ownership – Criminal Justice Strategic Committee

Implementing – OCU Commanders

Reviewing – Territorial Policing Emerald Policy Unit

Associated Documents and Policies

Standard Operating Procedures: Reporting of Crime in the Metropolitan Police Service