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Making Off Without Payment (Drive offs)

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Warning – This policy is under review by Resolution Centre Command and its contents are currently working practice since the introduction of the current operating model.

1. Policy purpose and Key drivers;

To ensure Staffordshire Police record making off without payment offences in accordance with Home Office Counting rules and National Standard for Crime Recording.

To ensure any investigation abides to the principle of a proportionate and victim centred approach.

The mapping process in this policy has been formulated taking into account Law (Theft Act 1978), Staffordshire police's policing plan and Home office counting rules with the intent to;

- Improve level of service to the victim
- Increase public confidence
- Reduce crime
- Provide a clear and defined process for officers
- Reduce the number of civil matters reported
- Apply cost reduction
- Adhere to HMIC/National crime recording Standards

2. Initial registration;

In accordance with Para.2.2 NCRS, all reports will be documented on Staffordshire's command and control system (currently Storm), and further will be recorded as a crime on the Crime recording system (Currently CMS) when for offences against an identified victim if, on the balance of probability;

- (a) The circumstances as reported amount to a crime defined by law (Staffordshire Police will determine this applying the Theft Act and counting rules)

AND

- (b) There is no credible evidence to the contrary.

All offences and subsequent out comes must comply with the Home Office guidance from within the National Standard for Crime recording.

Audits of these recorded crimes and command and control systems will be required to ensure records are consistent in the application of counting and recording rules as

set out by the Home office. This will ensure Staffordshire Police maintain a high quality of service for the communities it serves.

Related Documents

Links to related documents: [Making off without payment \(Bilking from fuel station forecourts\) \(Procedure\)](#)

Gatekeeper - the Author suggested the following Procedure document(s) to link to. Making off without payment (Bilking from fuel station forecourts)

Relevant Dates and Review Period

Effective Date: 02/07/2018

Review Date: 30/04/2020

Review Frequency: Annually

Policy Basis and Implications

2. Legal Basis: Theft Act 1978 Section 3

3. Management of Police Information (MoPI): **MoPI Policing Purpose:** Protecting Life and Property, Preserving order, Preventing the commission of offences, Bringing offenders to justice, Any duty or responsibility arising from common or statute law
MoPI Review, Retention and Disposal addressed as follows:
See MoPI schedule

4. Associated Benefits: Clear guidance for operational staff, replacing policy which was revoked in 2011

5. Consultation: Crime Admin, Contact services, LPT commanders, HMICFRS, The Home office, Resolution centre.

6. Financial Implications: -

7. Human Resources / Training: N/A

8. Associated Policy: N/A

FOI, Human Rights and Equality Impact Assessment Indicators

FOIA: Release to Public

ECHR: Compliant

EIA: Compliant **Compliant with Code of Ethics:** Yes

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