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Policy owned by Neighbourhood and Partnership**Missing Persons - Force Policy****1. Policy Purpose and key drivers****Policy Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidance around missing classification and risk assessment, consistency of quality investigations and safeguarding outcomes.

Policy Statement

Staffordshire Police will respond to all reports of a missing person. Every report will be subject to a dynamic and ongoing risk assessment process. Investigations into missing persons will be focussed on locating the person safely and mitigating any risk posed to them or others.

Staffordshire Police will adhere to the protocols and guidance contained within the DfE Statutory Guidance for those that go Missing from Home or Care 2014 and the College of Policing Authorised Professional Practice for Missing Persons 2017 which provides extensive further information from the first point of contact and onwards.

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/major-investigation-and-public-protection/missing-persons/>



Statutory Guidance Flowchart.pdf



Statutory_Guidance_-_Missing_from_care__3_.pdf

For a partnership approach to tackling missing children, officers should refer to the Joint Protocol between Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Local Authorities and Staffordshire Police (Children Missing from Home and Care - Joint Protocol).



Joint Missing from Home and Care Protocol - FINAL Nov 18.pdf

This policy and its supporting procedure (Process Chart Appendix A) applies to all police officers, police staff and those within the wider police family including those working voluntarily or under any employment contract to the Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police or the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner.

Related Documents

Links to related documents:

[Missing Persons - Senior Investigating Officer Aide Memoir for MisPer's at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation \(Procedure\)](#)
[Missing Persons - Force Procedure \(Procedure\)](#)

Gatekeeper - the Author suggested the following Procedure document(s) to

Missing Persons - Force Procedure

link to.

Relevant Dates and Review Period

Effective Date:	11/04/2019
Review Date:	31/07/2020
Review Frequency:	Annually

Policy Basis and Implications

2. Legal Basis:	The legislation which particularly relates to this Policy is the Human Rights Act 1998 and Common Law duties of a Police Officer to protect life and prevent crime.
3. Management of Police Information (MoPI):	MoPI Policing Purpose: Protecting Life and Property, Preserving order, Bringing offenders to justice, Any duty or responsibility arising from common or statute law MoPI Review, Retention and Disposal addressed as follows: see retention schedule
4. Associated Benefits:	The Policy introduces the new ACPO definition which differentiates between anyone who is missing and anyone who is absent. Where there are no known risks to anyone who is not at the place they are expected to be then they are classified as absent and not resourced.
5. Consultation:	Consultation has been held with Control Room, LPT Commanders, OSC, Public Protection and Safeguarding, Local Authorities and a Voluntary sector agency.
6. Financial Implications:	n/a
7. Human Resources / Training:	Training through the Public Protection development days
8. Associated Policy:	Child Sexual Exploitation, Mental Health, Child Protection, Vulnerable Adults, Honour Based Violence.

FOI, Human Rights and Equality Impact Assessment Indicators

FOIA:	Release to Public	
ECHR:	Compliant with proportionality test	Articles engaged: Article 2 Right To Life; Article 3 Prohibition of Torture; Article 8 Right to respect for Private and Family life; Article 10 Freedom of Expression
EIA:	Compliant	Compliant with Code of Ethics: Yes

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