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Policy owned by Investigations Fraud Investigation

1. Policy Purpose and key drivers

Staffordshire Police will respond and investigate ALL Calls for Service from the public in relation to allegations of fraud.

In addition, ALL disseminations from the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau will be investigated by Staffordshire Police.

The aim is to ensure that the public have confidence to report matters of fraud to the police and ensure that where lines of enquiry exist that these are pursued effectively with a view to achieving a positive outcome for the victim. In many cases fraud is being committed by those outside of the UK jurisdiction and therefore all disruption opportunities need to be taken to prevent further offences.

Fraud remains a significant threat based on scale, complexity, impact and variability of crime type and impacts significantly on particular vulnerable groups who are often targeted and need safeguarding from those seeking to exploit them.

Fraud is often portrayed as a victimless crime, giving the impression that the Police do not take it seriously when this is not the case and this policy seeks to redress that misconception.

The Fraud Response, Recording, Allocation and Investigation procedure outlines the requirements to achieve these aims and objectives.

Related Documents

Links to related documents:

[Fraud Investigation - Operation Signature \(Vulnerable Victims\) \(Procedure\)](#)

[Fraud Investigation - Response, Recording and Allocation \(Procedure\)](#)

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

Relevant Dates and Review Period

Effective Date: 23/09/2019

Review Date: 22/08/2023

Review Frequency: Annually

Policy Basis and Implications

2. Legal Basis:	There are several pieces of relevant legislation that allow for the effective investigation of fraud offences. Fraud Act 2006 Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 as amended by the Serious Crime Act 2017 Financial Services and Marketing Act 2000 Bribery Act 2010 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 Criminal Procedure and Investigation Act 1996
3. Management of Police Information (MoPI):	<p>MoPI Policing Purpose: Preventing the commission of offences, Bringing offenders to justice MoPI Review, Retention and Disposal addressed as follows:</p> <p>This Policy will be subject of MoPI principles and will be reviewed subject to changes in resources or procedures</p>
4. Associated Benefits:	The benefits of this policy are that clear expectations are outlined and provides clarity in respect of the response, recording, allocation and investigation for offences of Fraud and provides a transparency that demonstrates Staffordshire Police's commitment to investigating fraud offences.
5. Consultation:	Consultation has been undertaken with Control Room, all stakeholders in investigation and Crime Admin.
6. Financial Implications:	There is no requirement for additional funding and existing funding will be sufficient to implement this policy.
7. Human Resources / Training:	Training has been identified as a requirement to effectively implement this policy. Through the Police Transformation Fund 9 Specialist Fraud Investigation courses have been provided to enhance capability. These courses have been provided by the Economic Crime Academy and staff from within local CIDs and Adult Safeguarding Enquiry teams have been allocated courses.
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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