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Policy owned by Operational Services**Armed Forces****1. Policy Purpose and key drivers**

The aim of this policy is to provide a cohesive and up to date approach when dealing with Military Personnel in the most common of circumstances in the public arena .

The scope of the policy and the attached procedures caters for all staff including patrolling officers, Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and administrative staff in dealing with members of armed forces in the areas of being Absent Without Leave/Desertion etc., committing offences, and being involved in Military exercises in the public domain.

Protocols for investigating deaths on Ministry Of Defence (MOD) property and for operational co-operation with Ministry of Defence and Service Police have been published separately.

Related Documents

Links to related documents:

[Armed Forces - Absentees, Deserters & Wanted on 'Service Offence' Warrants \(Procedure\)](#)

[Armed Forces - Military Training Exercises \(Procedure\)](#)

[Armed Forces - Offences Committed by Armed Forces Personnel \(Procedure\)](#)

[MoU between ACPO and Ministry of Defence \(MoD\) and Service Police \(Protocol\)](#)

[Protocol between ACPO and Ministry of Defence \(MoD\) - Deaths on MoD Property \(Protocol\)](#)

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

Armed Forces - Absentees & Deserters; Armed Forces - Military Training Exercises; Armed Forces - Offences Committed by Armed Forces Personnel; Armed Forces - Protocol for dealing with Deaths on MOD Property; Armed Forces - Protocol re Areas of Responsibility for Home Office Police, Service Police & MOD

Relevant Dates and Review Period

Effective Date: 26/07/2014

Review Date: 26/07/2018

Review Frequency: Annually

Policy Basis and Implications

2. Legal Basis: The Armed Forces Act 1996;
The Armed Forces Act 2001;
The Armed Forces Act 2006.

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:
The records created as a consequence of implementing this policy and procedures are diverse and may include information concerning the commission of offences. As a consequence they will be retained and managed in line with all four of the APP Information Management Groups.

4. Associated Benefits: The benefits of the policy are that military personnel from whichever arm or unit of military forces they belong to or are attached will be dealt with efficiently and appropriately with regard to their role and the nature of the

	circumstances being investigated.
5. Consultation:	This policy is published as part of a routine annual review. There have only been minor changes and consultation has been limited to Her Majesty's Forces, ACPO and the College of Policing to ensure the procedures meet current operational requirements.
6. Financial Implications:	None
7. Human Resources / Training:	None
8. Associated Policy:	None

FOI, Human Rights and Equality Impact Assessment Indicators

FOIA:	Release to Public	
ECHR:	Compliant with proportionality test	Articles engaged: Article 6 Fair Trial; Article 7 No Punishment without Law
EIA:	Compliant	

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