

Lincolnshire Police

Policy Document



Domestic abuse policy PD 45

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Code of Ethics

All staff involved in carrying out functions under this policy and associated procedures and appendices will do so in accordance with the principles of the Code of Ethics. The aim of the Code of Ethics is to support each member of the policing profession to deliver the highest professional standards in their service to the public.

Legislative compliance

This document has been drafted to comply with the principles of the Human Rights Act. Proportionality has been identified as the key to Human Rights compliance, this means striking a fair balance between the rights of the staff and those of the rest of the community. There must be a reasonable relationship between the aim to be achieved and the means used.

Equality and Diversity issues have also been considered to ensure compliance with the Equality Act 2010 and meet our legal obligation in relation to the equality duty. In addition, Data Protection, Freedom of Information and Health and Safety Issues have been considered. Adherence to this policy or procedure will therefore ensure compliance with all relevant legislation and internal policies.

Other legislation/law which this policy has been drafted to comply with:

- [Human Rights Act 1998 \(in particular A.14 – Prohibition of discrimination\)](#)
- [Equality Act 2010](#)
- [Crime and Disorder Act 1998](#)
- [H&S legislation](#)
- [Data Protection Act 2018](#)
- [Freedom Of Information Act 2000](#)

Security classification

Policy to be published on Intranet: Yes

Policy to be published on Force Website: Yes

Authorised Professional Practice (APP)

This policy has been checked against APP. Lincolnshire Police has adopted the APP provisions, with supplementary information contained herein, which reflects local practice and the needs of the communities served by Lincolnshire Police.

Those provisions are shown in the links below and can be accessed via the home page of the APP website:

<https://www.college.police.uk/app/major-investigation-and-public-protection/domestic-abuse>

1. Policy aims (Purpose)

1.1. The response of Lincolnshire Police to domestic abuse offences has four principle aims:

- To protect the lives of both adults and children who are at risk as a result of domestic abuse
- To investigate all reports of domestic abuse
- To facilitate effective action against offenders so that they can be held accountable through the criminal justice system

- To adopt a proactive multi-agency approach in preventing and reducing domestic abuse.

Lincolnshire Police will take firm action against those that commit domestic abuse, whilst ensuring the provision of caring support for those who suffer it.

- 1.2. The purpose of this policy is to ensure a corporate approach to the response Lincolnshire Police delivers in case of domestic abuse.
- 1.3. Areas not detailed within APP or government multi-agency guidance, or where there are already Lincolnshire Police policies and protocols in place, will be catered for within this policy.
- 1.4. Other areas of importance such as risk assessment and training are also included within this policy document.
- 1.5. Empower officers to engage, capture and respond to children's voices to prevent harm and build trust and confidence in the police.

2. Policy statement (Key information)

- 2.1. This policy relates to all circumstances where Lincolnshire Police is involved in reports of domestic abuse.
- 2.2. The policy is aimed at all police officers, police staff, Volunteers, Special Constables and includes staff who are contracted to the force.
- 2.3. Domestic abuse brings with it many challenges for the service. The single most significant challenge is to ensure that every member of the service who may be the first point of contact for someone at risk has sufficient understanding of what is required to begin that person's journey from victim to survivor.
- 2.4. The benefits of successfully implementing this policy include:
 - Fewer repeat victims of domestic abuse
 - More perpetrators brought to justice
 - Increased community trust and confidence in police

- Consistent service and response
- Effective partnership working
- The Voice of the child is captured at the earliest opportunity to assist any investigation or provide reasonable lines of enquiry to safeguard all involved.

3. Other related documents and appendices

3.1. Appendices:

- Appendix 1 - Guidance and Procedures
- Appendix 2 - Joint NPCC and CPS Evidence Gathering Checklist
- Appendix 3 – CPS and Lincolnshire Police – Background Report DA Cases (Victim Withdrawal)
- Appendix 4 - Guidance on Managing and Investigating PPDA
- Appendix 5 - Conflict of Interest Declaration for Investigating Officers
- Appendix 6 – Minimum standards of investigation
- [Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership \(LSCP\) website](#)
- DHR Guidance [DHR-Statutory-Guidance-161206.pdf](#)
(publishing.service.gov.uk)

3.2. All other documentation is available on the College of Policing APP section or on the Force Intranet.

4. Monitoring and review

4.1 This policy will be subject to on-going review by the Detective Superintendent PVP to ensure that any changes in legislation, guidance or procedures are incorporated as soon as possible. A formal review will be conducted biennially.

5. Who to contact about this policy

- 5.1. Any enquires about this policy should be directed to the Detective Superintendent Rachael.Cox@lincs.police.uk