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DURHAM CONSTABULARY POLICY

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1.0 Name of Policy

Durham Constabulary Fraud Policy

2.0 Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to officers and staff with regard to the procedural requirements for the recording and investigation of Fraud Offences and referrals to Action Fraud.

3.0 Motivation or Driving Forces

Action Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where fraud should be reported if an individual has been scammed, defrauded or has experienced cyber crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The service is run by the City of London Police working alongside the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) who are responsible for assessment of reports. The City of London Police is the national policing lead for economic crime.

4.0 The Legal Basis and Legitimate Aims

Fraud Act 2006
Home Office Counting Rules for Recorded Crime

The 'legitimate aim' is a term derived from Human Rights Jurisprudence that describes the circumstances in which public authorities can interfere with an individual's right under Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and Article 1 of the first protocol of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

5.0 Policy Statement

To provide guidance to officers for the process of reporting and investigating allegations of Fraud.

6.0 Brief Description of the Attached Appendices

All procedures, tactics and guidance relating to this policy are included on the Procedures, Tactics and Guidance document which accompanies this policy and is protectively marked as OFFICIAL.

7.0 Monitoring and Review

The policy is subject to a 3 year review period.

8.0 How to Complain

Complaints about this should be made to Professional Standards Department.

By Telephone: You can contact us by telephone, the number to dial is 101. Ask to be put through to the supervisory officer on duty in the area where the matter or incident with which you are not happy took place.

In Person: You can attend any Durham Constabulary Police Station and inform Front Office Counter staff that you wish to make a complaint.

By E-Mail: You can E-Mail us at: complaints@durham.pnn.police.uk

By Post: Write to the following address:-
Professional Standards and Legal Services Department
Peterlee Police Station
St Aidans Way
Peterlee SR8 1QR

Please include your full name, date of birth, address, contact details and explain as fully as you can the nature of your complaint in all your correspondence.