



POLICY	Issue: 2.0
Dealing with Victims and Witnesses	Date: 01/04/2011

Policy Statement

The primary function of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) is the protection of civil nuclear sites and nuclear materials. Other functions include activities in support of law enforcement and national security, which may involve CNC Police Officers having dealings with persons who have been victims of / witnesses to a crime / incident.

The CNC will, as far as reasonably practicable, deliver a professional and effective initial response for the care and welfare of victims / witnesses and the securing and preserving of evidence by:-

- providing appropriate training and procedures;
- providing support and guidance through CNC command structures, supervision and control room processes;
- complying with relevant legislation, Codes of Practice and national guidance;
- adherence to the principles of proportionality, lawfulness, accountability and necessity.

In circumstances where the investigation / enquiry is not connected to the CNC's primary function or where the CNC has limited capacity, facilities and trained resources to comprehensively deal with the victim / witness, it may be necessary to obtain assistance (including advice and guidance) or service provisions from the local Home Office / Scottish Police Force (HO/SPF).

Aims of the Policy

The aims of this policy are to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, that the CNC provides a professional and effective initial response for the care and welfare of persons who have been victims of / witnesses to a crime / incident and the securing and preserving of evidence.

This policy is associated with the following management system documents:

- CNC/POL/18.2 Use of Interpreters
- CNC/POL/18.3 Dealing with Vulnerable Witnesses and other Vulnerable Persons
- CNC/POL/18.4 Protection from Harassment

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