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Sudden Deaths	Date: 15/03/2010

Policy Statement

The investigation of sudden deaths does not fall within the primary functions carried out by the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) but there may be occasions when a CNC Officer, whilst on duty, is the first Police Officer at the scene of a sudden death. In these circumstances it may be appropriate or necessary for the CNC Officer to take some initial action in order to:-

- preserve life;
- cause the peace to be kept or preserved;
- prevent offences against people and property;
- preserve a scene;
- protect a victim;
- detain an offender.

To ensure that appropriate actions are carried efficiently and effectively by CNC Officers in attendance at the scene of a sudden death, prior to the attendance of a Home Office / Scottish Police Officer or Appropriate Authority, this policy seeks to put into place processes and procedures which enable CNC Officers to take the appropriate course of action, by providing guidance documents and ensuring structures are in place for managing such incidents.

Aims of the Policy

To ensure that, where a CNC Officer is the first Police Officer at the scene of a sudden death, any actions taken by a CNC Officer are appropriate or necessary to preserve life and to ensure the integrity of the scene and evidence.

This policy is enacted by the following management system documents:

CNC/PP/0049 Sudden Death – Police Procedure

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