



Leicestershire Police

Investigative Standards Policy

Procedure Owner:	Detective Superintendent (Investigative Standards)
Department Responsible:	CAID
Chief Officer Approval:	ACC Crime
Protective Marking:	Official

This procedure has been reviewed against APP.

Moved to APP:	YES
Rationale:	Local information is required / APP do not have the required information. Extra local detail to support APP

College of Policing APP on Investigations

<https://www.college.police.uk/app/investigation>

<https://www.college.police.uk/app/investigation/investigation-process> - APP on Investigation Process

<https://www.college.police.uk/app/investigation/managing-effective-investigations> - APP on Managing Effective Investigations

<https://assets.college.police.uk/s3fs-public/2023-08/Conducting-effective-investigations-guidelines.pdf> - College of Policing new guidance on Conducting Effective Investigations

Review log

Date	Minor / Major / No change	Section	Author
27/01/2020	Minor - wording amendment to ensure compatibility with CPIA.	2 (Page 3)	D/Supt Starbuck
03/03/2020	Minor - amendments to departmental names due to force restructure and addition of Appendix F – VCOP 'quick guide'.	All	D/Supt Starbuck

20/05/2020	Minor – amendments to give clarity to the role of ISA's in investigation.	Appendix D	DI 1152 Farndon
01/09/2020	Minor – addition of workload volume guidance.	Appendix D – Section 8	D/Supt Starbuck
27/10/2020	Minor – amendment to VCOP requirements.	Page 35	D/Supt Starbuck
15/01/2021	Minor - Combining Policy with Procedure, update to crime review day requirement, VCOP - clarification re special victim update requirements, link to SC inv policy and linked occurrences expectations, addition of Appendix G- RUI Guidance, addition of suspect I/V dip sampling, and workload reviews when staff joining/leaving dept.	Pages 21,23,26,35,36	DCI Gibson/ DCI Kenyon/ Lynsey Waters
26/02/2021	Update to Custody notification process when cancelling bail.	Page 27	DS Gosling/ DCI Kenyon
27/04/2021	Addition of Appendix H.	Page 37	DCI Kenyon
26/05/2021	Appendix F – VCOP 'quick guide' update with the MoJ Victim 12 rights and link to Code of Practice.	All	DI Dimmock
20/09/2021	Amendment to repeat victim definition.	Page 9	D/Supt Gibson
22/06/2022	Minor - Amendment to PCSO spelling and victim contact method & update of repeat victim definition.	Pages 9, 30 & 31	DCI Archer
21/11/2023	Major – Move to APP with purpose of this document being to highlight any local procedures	All	Det Supt Humphris



Policy Statement

Leicestershire Police are committed to conducting professional investigations to a high standard. We will pursue all reasonable lines of enquiry to identify offenders, protect the vulnerable and secure justice for victims.

We recognise that it is our duty to protect the public and bring offenders to justice for the harm they cause to our communities.

This policy reflects national guidance, Authorised Professional Practice and best practice. It sets out the standards that victims can expect from Leicestershire Police and gives guidance to our staff on our expectations for conducting thorough, victim focussed investigations.

Aim

The aim of this document is to ensure staff utilise relevant national guidance and are aware localised documentation which will support investigative standards locally. These extra sections are designed to complement APP and ensure that cases are managed effectively, with the victim in mind.