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Public Safety and Public Order

The Police Service of Northern Ireland is committed to preventing harm, protecting people and detecting crime by delivering policing in a lawful, proportionate, justifiable and accountable manner.



1. Policy Statement

It is the aim of The Police Service of Northern Ireland to Keep People Safe through the provision of an effective policing service that works with the community and partner agencies. On occasions policing public safety, policing public order or policing individuals will require that force is used.

Force will only ever be used in pursuit of a lawful objective and shall be the minimum necessary in the circumstances. Police use of force will be recorded in an accountable manner and be subject to internal review and, where necessary, independent oversight.

Police will plan with the objective of ensuring that the likelihood of recourse to the use of force of any kind is minimised.

Police officers and staff will be trained and accredited for their relevant roles and provided with the equipment necessary to conduct those roles effectively and safely.

In the event that force is required to be used, it will be used in accordance with the Human Rights Act 1998 and other applicable legislation.

All policing decisions will incorporate Human Rights law and principles, guided by the National Decision-Making model.

2. Policy Links

The Corporate Policy Framework refers.

3. Contact

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