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SECTION 1 VERSION CONTROL

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SECTION 2 BACKGROUND

This procedure supports PS 120 Homicide Near Miss Policy. This will enable Nottinghamshire Police to fulfil their duty to reduce harm to people and have a positive impact on the reduction of homicide.

SECTION 3 AIMS / OBJECTIVES

The aim of this procedure is to advise officers and staff of the actions required to support PS 120 Homicide Near Miss Policy. In addition to fulfilling our duty to reduce harm to people and have a positive impact on the reduction of homicide, this policy will enable Nottinghamshire Police to learn lessons from the investigation of near miss incidents and take steps and action to mitigate potential future incidents.

SECTION 4 DETAILS

A number of roles play a part in the delivery of the Near Miss Homicide Policy objectives.

Officers attending incidents will need to determine, in accordance with the policy, whether the incident constitutes a homicide near miss. The definition of a homicide near miss is:

“Criminal incidents/assaults whereby individuals make an effort to fatally or seriously injure others but due to fortuity or intervention death does not occur.”

This will include :-

- Targeted shooting of individuals
- Serious/significant stabbing
- Arson with intent to endanger life
- Extensive beating, in particular, to the head
- Child abuse resulting in near death
- Deliberate driving acts intending to cause injury
- Serious domestic incidents such as strangulation
- Any attempted murders

This list is not to be taken as exhaustive. Other acts that result in near death may fall within the provisions of this policy.

4.1 Reporting a near miss

A near miss incident may be identified through a number of routes. In any event a form G 1019 Near Miss Incident Report must be completed. This form is only available on the LAN in the NCFORMS CID folder or may be found using the Word>File>New search facility.

The form is intended to capture information to support an analysis of the incident by our Force Intelligence Analysts. At the bottom of the form is a button to automatically email the form to the Force Intelligence Analyst.

4.2 Updating of CRMS

The OIC must update CRMS with the near miss flag against the crime (MO/ACTIONS FIELD) and the appropriate department will carry out fast track actions to deal with the relevant issues that are identified in order to address the problem. This will invariably be the Safer Neighbourhood Team, supported by the OIC and any relevant specialist units such as the Arson Task Force etc.

Within two weeks of the crime being raised as a near miss, a CRMS working sheet will be created will by the OIC detailing what has been done to investigate the causes of the incident, what lessons have been learnt and what actions have been taken to reduce risk in the future. The management of the incident thereafter will be the responsibility of FCID.

4.3 Force Intelligence Analysts (FIA)

On receipt of a G1019, the FIA will enter the details of the incident onto the Near Miss Homicide spreadsheet. If necessary, clarification will be sought from Division in the event of either: an incident not being referred, not being tagged on CRMS or no follow up sheet indicating what actions have been taken to reduce risk in the future.

The FIA will review all incidents and take any emerging issues to level two tasking for action. Every six months they will publish a review of findings that display the nature and size of the problem and what strategies have been undertaken to reduce harm

Additionally, the FIA will devise best practice in light of their analysis. This best practice will be designed to enable the reduction of harm across the force area and will be communicated through Level 2 tasking or the Force Executive Group.

SECTION 5 LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

This document has been drafted to comply with the general and specific duties in the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, Data Protection, Freedom of Information Act, European Convention of Human Rights and other legislation relevant to the area of policing such as, Employment Act 2002, Disability Discrimination Act 1995, Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and Employment Relations Act 1999.