



PS 126 Managing Threats/Risk to Life and Vulnerable Witnesses Policy

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Statement of legislative compliance

This document has been drafted to comply with the general and specific duties in the Equality Act 2010; Data Protection Act; Freedom of Information Act; European Convention of Human Rights; Employment Act 2002; Employment Relations Act 1999, and other legislation relevant to policing.

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

A Police officers primary duty is the preservation of life and the Human Rights Act 1998 enshrines the right to life in British law. Other British and European legislation places an obligation on the police service to take all reasonable steps to protect a person whose life is in **'real and immediate'** danger from the criminal acts of another.

POLICY STATEMENT

The purpose of this Policy is to support members of Nottinghamshire Police in the understanding of the management of threats and risks to life and vulnerable witnesses.

There is an obligation on Nottinghamshire Police to take all reasonable steps to protect a person's life when it is in real and immediate danger from the criminal acts of another. This obligation is enshrined in Article 2 of the Human Rights Act 1998.

It is our policy that all threats to a person's life received by Nottinghamshire Police, are properly assessed and that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent loss of life.

To this end, procedures explaining in detail how we deliver this policy objective have been produced and are contained in 'PD 473 Managing Threats/Risk to Life and Vulnerable Witnesses Procedure' and 'PD 589 Protected Persons Procedure'.

RELATED DOCUMENTS AND APPENDICES

ADMINISTRATION

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