



PS 189 Policing Public Sex Environments

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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

This policy is to set out the considerations and actions to be taken by Nottinghamshire Police when dealing with complaints of sexual activity in Public Sex Environments (PSE's). It has been devised to demonstrate a clear and transparent procedure for dealing with sexual activity in PSE's by both men and women, mixed couples, transgender persons, same sex couples and groups.

Policy statement

Sexual behaviour in a public place can cause offence to those who unwittingly witness it and it may result in people feeling intimidated when using public places and facilities. The use of public and open air environments for sexual activity is an emotive subject on which many people have strong views. Stereotypical views characterise people from certain social groups as more or less likely to engage in such activity.

It is recognised that this has historically been a sensitive and emotionally charged subject for those affected by and engaged in such behaviour. However, respecting the confidentiality of those involved is of paramount importance.

In line with the Crime and Disorder Act, Nottinghamshire Police will adopt a problem solving partnership approach to resolve issues of public sex locations.

It is also important that a fair and reasonable police response to such activity is carried out in the general public interest.

Related documents and Appendices

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