

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

## ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

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Report of	CHIEF CONSTABLE
Subject	ETHICAL SCENARIOS
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### Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek members' views on ethical scenarios outlined within the Appendices.

### Recommendation

2. It is recommended that members consider the ethical scenarios and provide their views.

### Commentary

3. The Terms of Reference provide for the Committee to be a forum for debate concerning professional standards and make recommendations about ethical dilemmas facing the Force. As such a standing item of 'Ethical Scenarios' will be included on all future agenda for members to discuss and provide their views.

### Implications

Financial :	None.
Legal :	None.
Equality Impact Assessment :	None.
Risks and Impact :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The scenarios provided are anonymised in order that no individual can be identified. The views of the Committee will be taken into account on any future similar incidences.</li><li>• Public perception and reputational issues for the Force.</li></ul>
Link to Police and Crime Plan :	Links to the Nolan Principles and Code of Ethics contained within the Plan.
Communications :	Communications Plan will be approved by the Committee at this meeting.

**List of Appendices**

Appendix A – an exploited vulnerable child or gang member of a serious and organised crime group

Appendix B – MFH Police or Social Services issue – male child goes missing

Appendix C – MFH Police or Social Services issue – 16 year old female

**Background Papers**

None

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**Scenario 1**

**Circumstances**

A 14 year old male child, with no family in England. He is a looked after child and managed by London social care. He is involved with established gangs in the Metropolitan Police area and is heavily involved in drugs, knives and violence.

He was placed into Leicestershire to safeguard him from this lifestyle however he does not want to sever any ties with these gangs and in a matter of months he has been reported missing 27 times to Leicestershire Police.

He has been found on each occasion down in London. He is actively involved in drug supply. He has befriended a number of girls of similar age from Leicestershire and they too have been reported missing and have been located down in London with this 14 year old and his gang associates. The girls are vulnerable and also looked after children in social care. Its believed that they are being recruited and exploited by the gang but are refusing to disclose any information to Police about their lifestyle. The 14 year old male is pivotal in exposing them to drugs and violence. He will not engage with agencies.

Is he a victim? Or should he be managed as a suspect? How do we manage him? How do we manage the girls and any other future vulnerable people he befriends?

**Scenario 2**

**Circumstances**

A male child repeatedly goes missing. 52 times recorded so far. He has just turned 10 years old but has the mental age of 5yrs old he suffers from ADHD. He does smoke cannabis. He will literally leave his house whilst parents are asleep and wonder around at all times of the day and night. He has been found in various parts of the city and will ask strangers for money. Harbours warnings have been issued to anybody he is found in company of. His parents do report him missing each time. Due to his vulnerabilities he is always deemed a high risk Missing from Home and it is resource intensive on each occasion. There is extensive social care involvement. Social care are the lead agency for child safeguarding but it's the Police that have to respond to each and every missing episode.

**Scenario 3**

**Circumstances**

16 year old female is looked after by social care and lives in a residential placement managed by them. She has historically been involved in Child sexual exploitation which made her high risk as she was often in possession of new clothes, expensive trainers, cash and mobiles. She would never make any disclosures around her activities when away from home and believes she is fully capable of making decisions and doesn't feel she is at any risk.

Her risk assessment was high when she was suspected of being involved in CSE. One tactic to assist police is to track her mobile phone signal. In the absence of any other information is it appropriate that we use these tactics regularly to locate her?

She has since begun a relationship with a male. She will often stay out overnight and spend time with this male. She is allowed to legally have sex with him and to marry him as she is 16 years old. However she is reported missing if she refuses to answer her phone or return home. She will remain under social care's responsibility until she is 18 years old and an adult.

Is she officially missing if she is with her boyfriend? Is this a breach of her human rights if she chooses to remain in a relationship with this male and stay with him overnight? Should the police deal with her as a missing from home?