

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">• 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.• Public perception and reputational issues for the Force.
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 – Technology fuelling crimes involving children

Appendix B – Primacy agencies contacting the police to manage and assist their victim

Background Papers

None

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Scenario 1

Circumstances

A girl aged 13 is chatting on social media to a male whom she believes is 13, he is actually a 45 year old male. The male asks her to send him a naked photograph of herself which she does willingly without undue pressure being applied by the male. Under crime recording standards the male commits an offence of inciting a child to engage in sexual activity and the girl commits an offence of distribute an indecent image of a child, both offences must be recorded. In relation to the sending of indecent images by children NPCC guidance is education not criminalisation and this would inform an appropriate investigation. The male would be arrested and if convicted placed on the sex offenders register.

A child is deemed to be a child up until they are 18 years old and any sending or possession of such images if indecent would be an offence. Is it ethical that the female is recorded as a suspect for sending it to a person she thinks is of the same age and has willingly sent it?

Scenario 2

Circumstances

An elderly male has reported that he has been a victim of fraud, this is being investigated by Action Fraud and not the Police. The male has reported to them that his health is severely deteriorating due to the stress of the offence. They have requested that the Police conduct a welfare check on the victim. Should the Police complete this as it is a medical condition? What if the male did pass away would this reflect on the police in any way as he is a victim of crime that is under investigation albeit by a partner law enforcement agency?