1.0 Summary of Changes

1.1 This is a new joint policy for Essex Police and Kent Police.

2.0 What this Policy is About

2.1 This policy provides mandatory direction to operational officers on the execution and recording of intelligence interviews with people in custody.

*Compliance with this policy and any linked procedures is mandatory.*

2.0 Statement of Policy

3.1 Police tactics to tackle crime and criminality are increasingly dependent upon reliable intelligence sources. Properly assessed intelligence gained from active criminals is frequently the most readily exploitable. The identification of opportunities to collect such intelligence is a fundamental part of a police officer's duty. All police activity involving people in custody, which includes the gathering and exploitation of intelligence, must be demonstrably ethical. These ethical requirements give rise to a series of practical consideration for both interviewing offices and managers that are set out in this document.

3.2 All such action by Essex Police and Kent Police will be in accordance with the following Acts where applicable:

- Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and its Codes of Practice (PACE);
- Human Rights Act 1998 (HRA);

4.0 Implications of the Policy

4.1 Finance / Staffing / Training / Other

4.1.1 No financial or staffing implications have been identified in the creation of this policy.

4.2 Risk Assessment(s)

- Policy Scoring Matrix

4.3 Equality Impact Assessment

4.3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for this policy. As a result of this assessment the policy has been graded as having a low potential impact.
5.0 Consultation

5.1 Consultation has taken place with the below:

- Colleagues from the National Source Working Group;
- Kent and Essex Intelligence Departments;
- Diversity / H&S / Federation

6.0 Monitoring and Review

6.1 This policy will be reviewed by the policy owner in accordance with National Policy as agreed by the National Source Working Group.

7.0 Related force policies or related procedures (Essex) / linked standard operating procedures (Kent)

- S 0801 Procedure/SOP - Intelligence Interviews for persons in Custody
- S 0802 Procedure – Intelligence Activity (Essex Police Only)

8.0 Other source documents, e.g. Legislation, APP, partnership agreements (if applicable)

- Kent and Essex SOPs relating to the management of CHIS
- National Policy for Custody Intelligence Assessments (CIA) with detained persons