POLICY – Crime in Action

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1.0 Summary of Changes

1.1. The following changes have been made to this policy on 7 September 2015:

- Paragraph 3.3 has been added.

2.0 What this Policy is About

2.1 This policy deals with the police response to ‘Crime in Action,’ which includes kidnap, abduction and product contamination.

2.2 There is an important distinction between types of “crime in action”. Each will require a different, initial police response, i.e. covert or overt.

Compliance with this policy and any linked procedures is mandatory

3.0 Statement of Policy

‘3.1 ‘Crime in Action’ have unique complexities not normally encountered, in that they actually occur whilst the investigation is being conducted and that they can have life threatening consequences.

3.2 It may be difficult to determine which offence type is being dealt with from the initial information and it is very important that the right steps are taken.

This policy is devised to:

- Provide the definition of and Procedure/SOP for kidnap and Abduction;
- Provide the definition of and Procedure/SOP for Product Contamination;
- Set out Police primary objectives when dealing with “crime in action”; 
- Provide comprehensive guidance to officers for initial action to be taken and specifically what not to do when encountering a “crime in action” (Kidnap, Product Contamination, Child Abduction);
- Detail the Procedure/SOP for Child Rescue Alert;
- Provide an easy and immediate link to the closely associated Missing Persons and Child Abduction Act Policy/Procedures/SOPs.

3.3 The Counter Terrorism and Security Act (CTSA) 2015 places a duty on various specified authorities to have ‘due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism’. This is referred to as a ‘Prevent Duty’ and involves:

- Responding to the ideological challenge of terrorism;
- Preventing people from being drawn into terrorism;
- Working with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.
3.3.1 The CTSA 2015 also places a duty upon specified authorities in relation to supporting people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism through the Channel programme. Channel is a multi-agency safeguarding programme, which provides support to those individuals who may be vulnerable to being drawn into any form of extremism that could lead to terrorist related activity.

3.3.2 This policy has been reviewed and assessed that the CTSA duties could be relevant and as such your attention is drawn to your responsibilities under the Act. Further details about the Prevent Duty and the Channel Duty can be found attached.

4.0 Implications of the Policy

4.1 Finance/Staffing/Training/Other

4.1.1 No implications have been identified.

4.2 Risk Assessment(s)

4.2.1 This policy has been assessed as high risk.

4.3 Equality Impact Assessment

4.3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and shows the proposals in this policy would have no potential or actual differential impact on grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, transgender, disability, age, religion or belief or sexual orientation.

5.0 Consultation

- Crime in Action Force lead, FCR;
- Human Resources;
- Finance;
- IT Security;
- Estates;
- Health and Safety;
- Equality and Diversity;
- Legal;
- Freedom of Information

6.0 Monitoring and Review

6.1 This document will be monitored and reviewed yearly by the policy owner and Crime in Action Force lead, SCD with the next review taking place in November 2015.
7.0 Related Force Policies or Related Procedures

- S 1701 Procedure – Kidnap and Abduction
- S 1702 Procedure – Child Rescue Alert
- S 1703 Procedure - Product Contamination

Essex:

- B 1600 Policy - Missing Persons
- B 1601 Procedure - Missing Persons
- B 1602 Procedure - Found Persons
- D 0400 Policy - Critical Incidents
- D 0401 Procedure - Dealing with Critical Incidents

Kent:

- N08 - Missing Persons policy
- N09 - Child Abduction Act 1984 policy
- O01 - Critical Incident policy

8.0 Other Source Documents

Kent:

- FCR pages - Child Rescue Alert
- FCR pages - Kidnap, Abduction or Product Contamination