



POLICY IDENTIFICATION PAGE

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POLICY STATEMENT, PRINCIPLES AND AIM

AIM OF POLICY: The effective investigation of domestic abuse

BENEFIT OF POLICY: To raise awareness around the investigation of domestic abuse and the duty to take positive action.

REASON FOR POLICY: In promoting this policy, the States of Jersey Police recognises the priorities of the Police Service in responding to domestic abuse.

DESCRIPTION OF POLICY:

The States of Jersey Police definition of **domestic abuse** is:

'any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults, aged 16 and over, who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of gender and sexuality.' (Family members are defined as mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister and grandparents, whether directly related, in-laws or step family)

The **priorities** of the Police Service in responding to domestic abuse are as follows:

- To protect the lives of both adults and children who are at risk as a result of domestic abuse;
- To investigate all reports of domestic abuse;
- To facilitate effective action against offenders so that they can be held accountable through the criminal justice system;
- To adopt a proactive multi-agency approach in preventing and reducing domestic abuse.

SOURCE DOCUMENT: ACPO Guidance on Investigating Domestic Abuse 2008

GROUPS AFFECTED: Police Officers and Police Staff

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