



Abduction and Kidnap Procedure

Policy

Child Rescue Alert Policy Surrey and Sussex

Procedure

- 1.1 Any kidnap or abduction report has the potential of also being a threat to life and/or a crime in action.
- 1.2 In the event that a child (under 16) is taken, the police response will be reactive and overt, directed by the FIM. In addition, the force Major Crime SIO will be made aware and consulted for further actions, which may also necessitate a covert response being run in tandem with the overt. The K&E SIO will assume responsibility in this case for the overall police response. Please see the supporting Child Rescue Alert Policy Surrey and Sussex for tactical options.
- 1.3 In all other scenarios, no police response will be initiated which might lead to the offender becoming aware of the police involvement.
- 1.4 The duty Major Crime Senior Investigating Officer is to be notified immediately, and the matter must not be discussed with anyone else.
- 1.5 The duty SIO will be responsible for making the decision as to how the police will respond to the report, and direct if a covert or overt response is required.
- 1.6 If an overt response is directed, command will be with the duty officer / Detective Inspector, however the Force SIO will continue to have oversight and monitor should the intelligence picture / threat change and require a different response.