



## Investigation

### Policy

#### 1. Introduction

This Policy sets out the Force's guiding principles for criminal investigations.

#### 2. Policy Statement

2.1. Surrey Police will aim to provide the highest quality investigation service, ensuring residents and visitors to Surrey are at the centre of our efforts to deliver safe, satisfied and confident communities and steadfastly pursue those that undermine them. This will be achieved through the Surrey Public First Strategy of keeping people safe from harm, giving the public confidence that we will be there when they need us and relentlessly pursuing criminals. Investigations will be conducted in accordance with the Force Values and the Investigation Command Principles to deliver excellent local policing.

2.2. Specific investigation activities will be governed by various tactical procedures depending on the subject matter, however all investigations will adhere to:

- Primary legislation
- Authorised Professional Practice
- Prosecution and detection standards
- Case finalisation standards
- Investigation best practice

2.3. The purpose of the governing principles is to ensure:

- Improvement in the quality of investigations and increase the number of crimes detected
- Increase public confidence in Surrey Police and reduce the fear of crime

2.4. Victims are treated with respect, compassion and are kept informed of developments.

**Team: Investigation Reactive**