



Welfare Check

Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to outline the way in which Surrey Police will respond to requests from other agencies to conduct welfare checks on individuals that they believe to be vulnerable for some reason or another.

2. Policy Statement

2.1 The term 'Welfare Check' derives from when an external agency asks for the police to visit someone who is believed to be vulnerable, for some reason or another.

2.2 Surrey Police will respond to requests to carry out a 'welfare check' when they engage the core duties of police, which are:-

- To protect life and property
- To prevent and detect crime, and
- To keep the Queen's peace

2.3 Police will attend for the purpose of recording and investigating crime when necessary to deal with offenders.

2.4 It is not part of the core duties of police to carry out general welfare checks on behalf of other non-police agencies. It is important that the most appropriate agency/service responds to the concern, which often will not be police.

2.5 Where there is an evidenced risk to other professionals, Surrey Police will attend with them and will always take steps to keep them safe. Surrey Police will not however, attend in their absence unless core responsibilities apply.

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