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Protection from False Allegations

This circular asks branches to provide the Service Group with copies of any local procedures designed to protect police staff from false allegations from the general public.

The motion below was agreed at last year's Police Staff Conference. It requires the Police Staff SGE to develop best practice for protecting members in the custody environment from false allegations.

Protecting Members in the Custody environment from false allegations

Our members working in custody are vulnerable to all sorts of false allegations from detained persons; these allegations have included physical and sexual assault. Once the allegations are made our members are put under immense pressure for long periods of time until investigations are complete. This causes not only difficulties at work, but home also.

Conference believes that members should be afforded as much protection and support as possible to minimise the opportunity for complaint and the provision of support during the complaint process.

Conference therefore requests that the Service Group Executive examine best practice and provide advice and guidance to branches outlining the findings.

Branches are therefore asked to send to the national office any local agreements/ procedures on such protection.



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