

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE

ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

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Report of	CHIEF CONSTABLE
Subject	ETHICAL SCENARIOS
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Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek members' views on ethical scenarios outlined within the Appendices.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that members consider the ethical scenarios and provide their views.

Commentary

3. The Terms of Reference provide for the Committee to be a forum for debate concerning professional standards and make recommendations about ethical dilemmas facing the Force. As such a standing item of 'Ethical Scenarios' will be included on all future agenda for members to discuss and provide their views.

Implications

Financial :	None.
Legal :	None.
Equality Impact Assessment :	None.
Risks and Impact :	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The scenarios provided are anonymised in order that no individual can be identified. The views of the Committee will be taken into account on any future similar incidences.• Public perception and reputational issues for the Force.
Link to Police and Crime Plan :	Links to the Nolan Principles and Code of Ethics contained within the Plan.
Communications :	Communications Plan will be approved by the Committee at this meeting.

List of Appendices

Appendix A – Transporting persons

Appendix B – Primacy agencies contacting the police to manage and assist their victim

Background Papers

None

Person to Contact

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Scenario 1

Circumstances

Phone call received from an Adult mental health practitioner requesting that we assist in taking an elderly male patient to the Leicester Royal Infirmary for a life threatening medical emergency. He has Alzheimer's and has historically hit out and spat in the past at people. He is currently aggressive but hasn't been violent.

This is primarily a health issue, East Midlands Ambulance Service are the most suitable agency to deal with this and have a duty to equip their staff to deal with foreseeable risks and are trained in restraint.

Do we attend?

Do we assist East Midlands Ambulance Service?

Due to his age and frailty if we attended any use of force would have to be proportionate, but does immediately place the officers and organisation under scrutiny.

Scenario 2

Circumstances

A member of the CRISIS team contacted police to say that they have a patient who was released from the Bradgate Unit a week ago and is described that she is still in a mental health crisis. She receives daily visits from the CRISIS team however they were really late and this had upset the patient significantly. The female lives alone with her dog is a recluse and rarely goes out. She can be aggressive and was annoyed at the delay. Two hours later when the CRISIS team arrived they couldn't get into the address and they couldn't reach the female on the phone. There was no dog at the address nor was her car there. She contacted the Police to assist her. There is a keysafe at the address and the control room hold the code but she was refusing to enter the house alone due to her aggressive behaviour previously. The code was passed. No information known as to the car registration. PNC checks didn't have any vehicle registered to the address.

What is required of the Police?

Should we take any action, is it our responsibility?

There are no grounds for powers of entry into the address as its believed she isn't there. Should we treat her as a MFH given her previous suicidal tendencies and actively try and locate her?