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CHILD PROTECTION

Policy

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The Police Service of Scotland (PSoS) recognises that where a child may be at risk of significant harm, the primary concern will be in respect of safety and the police response will reflect this. The fundamental principles that underpin approaches to child protection include relevant legislation as well as 'Getting it Right for Every Child' (GIRFEC) guidance, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Children's Charter and the Framework for Standards.

PSoS is committed to recording and investigating all allegations concerning the abuse, neglect, harm or exploitation of a child. Where sufficient evidence exists offenders will be reported for prosecution.

PSoS will work with all relevant statutory, voluntary and other partner agencies to protect children from abuse, neglect or any other forms of physical or moral danger and will share information within established frameworks.