Ethical policing principles

We will use the ethical policing principles to help us make and reflect on our professional decisions.
As policing professionals, we commit to the following.

Courage

Making, communicating and being accountable for decisions, and standing against anything that could bring our profession into disrepute.

Respect and empathy

Encouraging, listening to and understanding the views of others, and seeking to recognise and respond to the physical, mental and emotional challenges that we and other people may face.

Public service

Working in the public interest, fostering public trust and confidence, and taking pride in providing an excellent service to the public.

Doing the right things, in the right way, for the right reasons

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Code of Ethics

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The Code of Ethics sits at the heart of everything we do. It sets out how we work together in policing and with the public to keep people safe.

The Code of Ethics is inclusive and supports everyone in policing. It has two parts, both of which are non-statutory.

Ethical policing principles

These principles are a series of guiding statements that should be used to help people in policing do the right things, in the right way, for the right reasons.

Guidance for ethical and professional behaviour in policing

The guidance describes how policing professionals should behave. It provides practical advice on areas of policing that are important to maintaining public trust and legitimacy.

Code of Practice for Ethical Policing

The Code of Ethics is supported by a statutory Code of Practice for Ethical Policing. It includes actions that chief officers should take to support people in their force to use the ethical policing principles and to demonstrate professional behaviour.

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Know your code