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NORTH WALES POLICE

A safer North Wales

Rewards for Information Policy

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1. Policy Aim

The aim of this policy is to provide the Senior Investigating Officer, leading a Major Investigation with every available opportunity to detect major crime with maximum efficiency and effectiveness. This will be achieved through the agreed Force procedure, which will encourage persons who would not normally volunteer information to communicate with the police.

2. Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear outline of how the Force wants any offer of reward for information in the investigation of major crime to be processed.

In line with all Force Policies, the overarching purpose of this document is to directly support the North Wales Police (NWP) Policing Priorities of: Promoting a well led, organised and skilled workforce; Provide a quality service that meets the needs of our communities; Protect people and reduce harm; Reduce and resolve crime and Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) that impacts our communities. Overall the intention of this policy is to provide a Safer North Wales.

North Wales Police policies will be written in accordance with the approved corporate format and published on the Force Intranet, allowing access to staff and, where appropriate, on the pages of the public facing Internet site under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

3. Scope

This policy relates to the investigation of certain major enquiries, which by their very nature are protracted and rely upon seeking information from members of the public.

The policy of this Force is to offer a substantial reward in ongoing major investigations to encourage members of the public to provide information leading to the arrest, charge and subsequent conviction of the offender.

Rewards encourage reluctant witnesses to communicate with the police, potentially reducing the length of the investigation, bringing offenders to justice at the earliest opportunity and reducing the fear of crime within the community.

4. Monitoring

This policy is governed by the Operational Tasking Committee, will be owned by the Head of Operational Services Group and monitored through the post of D/Insp Level II Operations. The policy is to be reviewed at intervals no later than that determined by the Policy Risk assessment tool.

5. Legal Requirements

The following main legal requirements have been identified within this policy:

- Human Rights Act 1998
- Bribery Act 2010

This policy has been written giving due regard to the above legislation and has considered the risk of unfair and/or disproportionate impacts on individuals or groups (actual or perceived) and has done so via an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA).

New Legislative requirements or changes in Force structure may necessitate a review of this policy document.

6. Associated Documents

The policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- Rewards for Information Guidance