

Extradition

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Policy

Statement

International borders should not provide offenders protection from prosecution and prevent victims from seeing justice delivered. Provisions exist for the surrender of wanted persons across international borders, the rules governing which are enshrined in the domestic legislation of individual countries and accepted international law. It is necessary that the domestic laws of the participating countries and international law are observed in each extradition to ensure a successful outcome.

This policy provides a means of navigating a path through the requirements of extradition.

Aims

The aim of this policy is to equip Merseyside staff with the requisite knowledge to arrange, assist or facilitate the lawful movement of wanted persons in or out of the UK.

Objectives

Merseyside Police will, where possible, extradite offenders to the UK from other countries for them to:

- Be prosecuted for a criminal offence, or,
- Serve a term of imprisonment following their conviction for a criminal offence.

Merseyside Police will also, upon receipt of a lawful request from foreign judicial body, that has been approved by the Secretary of State and, when applicable, approved by the Courts, arrest and assist in the extradition of offenders from the UK.

Application and Scope

This policy applies to all Merseyside Police officers and staff involved in the management, planning and execution of extradition related processes.

Outcome Evaluation

- Ensure that all relevant personnel have a shared perspective of their individual responsibilities and the procedures that need to be followed.
- Ensure compliance with national and international legal obligations.
- Increase the number of offenders brought to justice
- FIB will monitor compliance with this policy.