

Serious Crime Reward

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National Context

[Authorised Professional Practice](#) (APP) is produced by the College of Policing as the official source of professional practice on policing. All officers and staff are expected to have regard to APP in discharging their responsibilities. Essentially, our “policy” is to comply with APP as it develops to cover all areas of policing.

Statement

By adhering to this policy, the Force ensures the use of rewards is monitored and the use is consistent, lawful, justifiable, proportionate, and does not interfere with justice.

Officers and staff will work in line with the Force Strategy.

Aims

The main aim of this policy is to ensure that offers of financial rewards for information in Serious Crime investigations are considered and managed consistently and effectively.

The policy is underpinned by clear detailed procedures setting out how offers from Merseyside Police funds or Third-Party Donors are arranged and managed.

Objectives

A broad objective is to provide a framework to enable an effective corporate approach for offering Serious Crime Rewards whilst meeting any specific legislative requirements and duty of care.

Associated objectives are to:

- a) Develop business processes for recording, review and quality assurance of Serious Crime Reward offers.
- b) Ensure that all relevant personnel have a shared perspective of their individual responsibilities and the procedures that need to be followed.
- c) Effectively manage information from and payments to reward claimants, including those available through Crimestoppers.
- d) Promote informed decision making around appropriate use of the tactic.

Application and Scope

This policy covers rewards offered by the Force, third parties, external organisations and Crimestoppers.

Outcome Evaluation

The Head of Crime will determine responsibilities and activities relating to the measurement and evaluation of this policy. The Corporate Support and Development Department may measure policy compliance through internal inspection.

The Professional Standards Department will monitor complaints and IOPC referrals.