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Aim

The States of Jersey Police (SoJP) aim to ensure that victims and witnesses from migrant communities are treated with dignity, respect, and fairness, regardless of their immigration status. This policy and procedure emphasise victim safety as the priority.

SoJP recognises that people may have concerns about speaking to the police if they feel their immigration status is at risk. The associated procedure sets out what information will be shared by the police about victims and witnesses of crime with Immigration Enforcement and when.

Scope

This policy and procedure provide guidance to all police personnel who carry out investigative or safeguarding tasks in respect of victims and witnesses.

Guiding Principles

- **Victim Safety is the Priority:** The safety, well-being, and rights of victims take precedence over any concerns about immigration status.
- **No Automatic Data Sharing:** Information will only be shared with immigration services in circumstances where consent is provided or it is necessary for the purpose of safeguarding, public safety or where reasonable grounds to suspect immigration offences exist. Sharing can be undertaken with the consent of the victim / witness when it could help to resolve the person's immigration status.
- **Transparency in Data Handling:** Victims can review how their data might be used in the associated procedure and privacy notices on the SoJP website. They are also entitled to make a subject access request.