

BTP Custody Policy

1 POLICY STATEMENT

1.1 British Transport Police (BTP) will comply with legislation, including Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) and the Codes of Practice and Human Rights legislation, ACPO guidance and other associated documents below, to ensure that:

- Detainees are treated according to their needs, ensuring that they are treated fairly, in a professional and dignified manner irrespective of race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion or beliefs;
- Detainees' welfare and medical needs, during their detention in police custody, are assessed and managed appropriately;
- Steps are taken to ensure the safety of all persons in the custody environment including police officers, police staff, detainees and other custody users;
- Ensure that all processes are executed diligently, expeditiously and lawfully.

2 OVERVIEW

- 2.1 This policy covers all custody issues, including safety issues, arrest, detainee care, transportation, facilities, staffing and training.
- 2.2 This policy applies to England and Wales.
- 2.3 Scotland should, as much as possible, give cognisance to this policy and associated documents. A Scottish version is being prepared.
- 2.3 This policy applies to all police officers and police staff, and all people responsible for the care of persons detained by BTP.

3 APPLICABLE DATE, MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 3.1 This policy is applicable from December 2006.
- 3.2 This policy will be reviewed on December 2007.

4 OWNERSHIP

- 4.1 This policy is owned by ACC (Operations).

- 4.2 Any questions and comments related to this policy should be directed to FHQ Operations.

5 ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- 5.1 *The Safer Detention and Handling of Persons in Police Custody* (ACPO, 2006)
- 5.2 Police and Criminal Evidence Act Code of Practice C
- 5.3 Centrex Personal Safety Manual
- 5.4 Practice Advice on Dealing with Legal Advisers (ACPO, 2006)
- 5.5 IPPC recommendations from the review into the events leading up to and following the death of Christopher Alder
- 5.6 Mobile Communications in Custody Suites Standard Operating Procedures (restricted).
- 5.7 Tape Recorded Interviews Standard Operating Procedures (restricted).
- 5.8 Islam & Muslims - Guidance for Police