



BTP PRESUMPTIVE TESTING OF DRUGS POLICY

1.0 Policy Statement

- 1.1 British Transport Police (BTP) will comply with the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 and when necessary conduct presumptive testing of substances suspected to be controlled drugs under the aforementioned Act. Police officers and Police staff will receive appropriate training using drug testing kits approved by the Home Office in cases involving morphine, heroin, amphetamine or cocaine.

2.0 Overview

- 2.1 This policy replaces the previous policy documents: D56900, D56901, D56902 and D56903.
- 2.2 This policy stems from the Home Office Circular HOC 40/1998 (amended by 10/2005).
- 2.3 This policy will apply to all BTP Police Officers and Police Staff.
- 2.4 This policy applies in England, Wales, and Scotland.

3.0 Applicable Date, Monitoring and Review

- 3.1 This policy is applicable from 29 August 2006.
- 3.2 This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

4.0 Ownership



- 4.1 This policy is owned by ACC Crime.
- 4.2 Any queries related to this policy should be directed to the Scientific Support Unit.

5.0 Associated Documents

- 5.1 Presumptive Testing of Drugs Standard Operating Procedures
- 5.2 BTP Familial DNA Searches Standard Operating Procedures
- 5.3 DNA Sampling and Retention BTP Policy
- 5.4 Forensic Collection and Submissions BTP Policy