

## **Use of Limb Restraint Equipment Policy**

### **1. POLICY STATEMENT**

- 1.1 The British Transport Police (BTP) has purchased limb restraint equipment (fast straps) to allow officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) to gain control of violent people with the minimum of risk to the officer/PCSO, the detained person and other members of the public.
- 1.2 It is important that this equipment is used in the correct manner, only by officers/PCSOs who have received training through the BTP personal safety training programme.
- 1.3 Limb restraint equipment should only be used in addition to handcuffs, not as a stand alone piece of equipment.
- 1.4 Use of the equipment is a use of force and should be recorded and reported in line with the current use of force recording process.

### **2. OVERVIEW**

- 2.1 This is a new policy and is designed to ensure that all Areas/Departments of BTP approach the use of limb restraint equipment in a standardised way.
- 2.2 This policy is applicable to England, Wales and Scotland.

### **3. APPLICABLE DATE, MONITORING AND REVIEW**

- 3.1 This policy is applicable from December 2010. It will be reviewed on a periodical basis (but not less than every 3 years) to ensure that BTP observes best practice and demonstrates continuous improvement.

### **4. OWNERSHIP**

- 4.1 This policy is owned by the Assistant Chief Constable (Operations). Any questions and comments related to this policy should be directed to the Operations



Department at BTP Force Headquarters.

**5. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

- 5.1 This policy statement should be read in conjunction with the Deployment and Use of Limb Restraint Equipment Standard Operating Procedure (SOP/227/10).