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This charter is intended to reassure young people that Hampshire Constabulary are committed to working with them to provide a policing service that understands their needs and responds accordingly to keep them safe and informed, in line with the principles of our Children and Young Person's Strategy and the National Child Centred Policing Strategy.

It is our priority to improve our service and relationships with young people, working to achieve this through the commitments articulated in this charter. It is our wish that young people will have the same desire to improve the relationships they have with the police by supporting this charter and working together to make positive changes.

What young people can expect from Hampshire Constabulary

We will encourage young people to report crimes safe in the knowledge that they will be listened to and believed.

We will respect young people and treat them fairly and without prejudice.

We will work to reduce perceived stereotyping between young people and the police to promote positive relations to increase trust and confidence

We will incorporate elements into our training courses for officers and staff which focus on our service to young people

Where possible we will consult with young people about policing issues which affect them and their community.

We will ensure that we work closely with schools and educational establishments to provide up to date and relevant education material.

We will treat young victims of crime as vulnerable and will provide them a service of the highest standard.

We will recognise that different groups of young people have different needs and will be sensitive to those needs.

We will work towards improving our communication with young people, consulting on the most relevant and effective methods, particularly social media.

We will take every opportunity to safeguard the welfare and wellbeing of young people and to protect them from harm.

We will consider the needs of young people in our crime prevention and force campaigns, to ensure that information is relevant to supporting this group.

We will work with youth agencies, professionals and authorities to optimize the benefits partnership working can provide for young people

We will carry out reviews of our approaches to ensure they are effective in what they set out to achieve, making changes where necessary to ensure aims and expectations are being met

Where possible we will link with other agencies/groups offering diversionary activities for young people (i.e. sports) as an opportunity for us to engage and build positive relationships; we will support young people by signposting them to such activities, in particular those who may benefit significantly from the engagement and participation.

What Hampshire Constabulary can expect from young people

Young people who are victims of crime will have the confidence to report to the Police knowing they will be listened to and believed.

Young people should report incidents or criminal activity affecting others.

Young people should be respectful to the communities they live in.

Young people should feel empowered to ask questions of the police if there is something they don't understand or want explained.

Young people should be respectful and understanding of the police as a mutual step to break down stereotypes and promote positive relations

Youth Sub-Charters

The sub-charters below explain police processes and young people's rights in more detail as a way to improve their understanding and confidence to make informed choices regarding police service.

Making a Complaint

Reporting a Crime

Investigation Outcomes

Being Arrested

Breaking the Law

Being Searched by Police



**For more information and advice about
the rights of young people**

www.safe4me.co.uk/resources/rights&thelaw

www.lawstuff.org.uk

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

