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Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary

Youth Charter



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This charter is intended to reassure young people that Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary are committed to working with them to provide a policing service that understands their needs and responds accordingly to keep them safe.

It is our priority to improve our service and relationships with young people, working to achieve this through the commitment 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 and Isle of Wight Constabulary

We will encourage young people to report crimes, safe in the knowledge that they will be listened to.	We will treat young victims of crime as vulnerable and will provide them a service of the highest standard.
We will respect young people and treat them fairly and without prejudice.	We will recognise that different groups of young people have different needs and will be sensitive of those.
We will work to reduce perceived stereotyping between young people and the police to promote positive relations to increase trust and confidence.	We will work with youth agencies, professionals and authorities to optimise the benefits partnership working can provide for young people
Where possible we will consult with young people about policing issues which affect them and their community.	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
We will ensure that we work closely with schools and education establishments to provide up to date information and advice.	

What the 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**

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