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POLICY TITLE: Offences to be Taken into Consideration

OWNING DIRECTORATE: Criminal Justice

AUTHOR: Chief Superintendent Criminal Justice and Custody

CONTACT DETAILS: 101

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Complete

AUTHORISED PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (APP) NATIONAL GUIDANCE:
AVAILABLE

AIM OF POLICY: To provide every individual who is arrested with an opportunity to admit further similar offences with a decision being made as to whether to have these offences taken into consideration at Court.

BENEFIT OF POLICY: The policy provides clarity regarding the use of offences to be taken into consideration.

REASON FOR POLICY: The Force acknowledges every individual's right to a fair trial afforded by Article 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998.

Northumbria Police is committed to:

- Increasing outcomes for crime by primary means;
- Increasing public satisfaction
- Taking whatever measures are available to the Force to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System; and
- To the ethical outcome of crime.

In order to achieve this, the Force will provide every individual who is arrested with an opportunity to admit further similar offences (providing they are qualifying offences and less serious than then offence to be charged), and a decision will then be made whether to charge or whether it may be possible, depending on the circumstances, to have these offences taken into consideration at Court. Detainees will also be informed it is not Force policy to routinely conduct interviews after sentence and, if further offences come to light, individuals are likely to be arrested and dealt with for the further offences on completion of their sentence.

SOURCE DOCUMENT: N/A

GROUPS AFFECTED: All police officers and police staff investigators.

ACCESS AND DISCLOSURE RESTRICTIONS: None
