

Northamptonshire Police



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Force Policy Foreign National Offenders

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1. Introduction

Northamptonshire is situated to the south of the East Midlands region and covers an area of 913sq miles consisting of a diverse ethnic population in the region of 754,000.

Northamptonshire's economy is based around the service sector, finance and significant Warehousing and Distribution due to its connectivity to the rest of the UK and European Continent, being serviced by major roads such as M1/M6/M45/A14 and t//he DIRFT Rail Freight Depot based at Crick.

Over recent years with the expansion of Europe and the opening up of borders, there has been a significant increase in Foreign Nationals living and working in Northamptonshire.

In the 1990's there was a large-scale immigration influx of Somali nationals and Northamptonshire is in the top five Counties for the Somali Community. There is also a significant Romanian, Polish, Moldovan, and Lithuanian community within Northamptonshire.

Associated with this population increase has been the increase in Foreign National Criminality. Approximately 30% of all custody footfall is Foreign National Offender related.



This policy is underpinned by a Foreign National Offenders procedures document designed to provide a framework to identify record, assess, manage and resolve matters when dealing with Foreign National Offenders and Investigations.

2. Legislative Compliance

This document has been drafted to comply with the principals of the Human Rights Act. Proportionality has been identified as the key to Human Rights compliance, this means striking a fair balance between the rights of the individuals and those of the rest of the community. There must be a reasonable relationship between the aim to be achieved and the means used.

Equality and Diversity issues have also been considered to ensure compliance with current Equality Legislation and policies.

In addition, Data Protection, Freedom of Information and Health Safety issues have been considered. Adherence to this policy or procedure will therefore ensure compliance with all legislation and internal policies.

3. Policy Statement

All police officers and police staff, including the extended police family and those working voluntarily or under contract to Northamptonshire Police must be aware of, and are required to comply with, all relevant policy and associated procedures.

Correctly identified FNO's should be dealt with in the same way as any other person encountered that are suspected of having committing a crime, however there are some unique opportunities relating to FNO's that offer wider safeguarding measures and the potential for early interventions that may lead to remands in custody and deportation.

This policy looks to achieve the following operational over-arching objectives:

- To increase awareness amongst colleagues the extent and impact of Foreign National Offending.
- FNO's encountered within Northamptonshire are correctly identified and documented as a FNO
- FNO's encountered are subject to the relevant ACRO checks (overseas conviction request), Immigration NCCU checks and Interpol i24/7 checks.
- Reduce the harm caused by Foreign National Offenders who have overseas criminal convictions and pose a threat to Northamptonshire and UK citizens
- Staff dealing with FNO's are aware of the bespoke powers and tools available to them relation to FNO's.

Decision makers are best informed around disposal options, thus maximising detection and detention opportunities.

4. Monitoring and review

The senior owner will review the content of this guidance annually to ensure that this is relevant and up to date. The author has agreed that this document will be reviewed within 12 months of the effective date.

5. Related Documents

International Policing Forcenet site (containing various guidance, useful information and supporting documents).

6. Appendices