

A woman in a dark blue police uniform is shown from the chest up, looking down and to the right while holding a mobile phone to her ear. She is also holding a pen in her left hand. The uniform has '116' on the right shoulder and 'POLICE' on the chest. The background is blurred.

The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime

From April 2006, victims of crime will be entitled to receive a minimum standard of service from criminal justice agencies across England and Wales

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The Code becomes law this April.

Under the Code:

- Victims will be referred to Victim Support or given information about the types of support available in their area.
- Victims will be kept informed of the progress of their case on a minimum of a monthly basis and to be told whenever there has been a development in their case such as an arrest or a charge.
- Victims will be told if a charge is changed or dropped.
- Victims will be told the dates of court hearings and to be told if they will be needed as a witness.
- Victims will be informed about the outcome of the case including, if the offender is found guilty, information about the sentence given and any appeals.

Visit www.cjsonline.gov.uk for more information or email: victimsandconfidence@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk