

Victims' Code of Practice

Right 6: Victims have a right to be updated

All officers and staff should agree a victim's:

- ◆ preferred method of contact
- ◆ frequency of contact
- ◆ safest means of contact
- ◆ the associated risks of contact

Mandatory updates include:

When a suspect is:

- ◆ arrested
- ◆ interviewed under caution
- ◆ released without charge
- ◆ released on pre charge bail
- ◆ released under investigation
- ◆ charged

Or when:

- ◆ bail conditions are changed
- ◆ bail conditions are cancelled
- ◆ no further action is to be taken
- ◆ an out of court disposal (OOCD) is administered



Remember:

1. Updates must be provided within 5 days of a decision point.
2. Updates must be within one day for victims with **enhanced rights**.
3. Victims views must be sought before an OOCD is administered.
4. Victims have a right to appeal decisions not to prosecute.