

## SP1616

# Risk Management and Governance

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The Police Service of Northern Ireland is committed to effective and meaningful risk management as an integrated part of how we lead, direct and manage the Service.

# 1. Policy Statement

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In order to be successful in our mission of keeping people safe, the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) must proactively manage risk. Risk management is an essential part of governance and leadership, and fundamental to how the Police Service of Northern Ireland is directed, managed and controlled at all levels.

As the volatility, complexity and ambiguity of our operating environment continues to increase, the Service is committed to identifying, assessing, treating and monitoring risks in order to achieve our identified objectives, to protect the public and our people, to ensure that our resources are utilised effectively and to minimise the impact of unforeseen events.

“In successful organisations, risk management enhances strategic planning and prioritisation, assists in achieving objectives and strengthens the ability to be agile to respond to the challenges faced.”<sup>1</sup> Risk is inherent in everything we do to deliver high-quality services.

At its most effective, risk management is as much about evaluating the uncertainties

(both positive and negative) within decision making as it is about treating risk once those decisions are made. It is about being realistic in the assessment of the risks and the effectiveness of the actions taken to manage these risks.

Accordingly, the Service will ensure that internal control systems support the delivery of policing and other organisational objectives. The Service will value openness, support transparency, welcome constructive challenge and promote collaboration internally and with our partners. Ensuring that the Service is properly directed and controlled will provide assurance to senior management, the wider oversight governance structures and the public.

This PSNI will comply with all legal and regulatory responsibilities, including those outlined in the Orange Book and will strive to ensure that good practice methods are employed in the discharge of our duties and functions.

## 2. Policy Links

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The Corporate Policy Framework refers.

<sup>1</sup> HM Government (2020). [The Orange Book - Management of Risk – Principles and Concepts](#).

## 3. Contact

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