



# **TAYSIDE** POLICE

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Tayside Police will provide a professional, caring and victim centred approach to victims of domestic abuse and their families with focus on:

- The safety and wellbeing of victims, their families and any other person present.
- The full recording and investigation of all domestic abuse incidents.
- The arrest of the offender where sufficient evidence allows.
- To work in partnership with support agencies to ensure that victims are furnished with information, advice and support as appropriate.

Tayside Police recognise that incidents of domestic abuse on partners or ex-partners are criminal acts and that it is imperative that the thoroughness and standard of investigation into any complaint must be the same as any other alleged crime. Such investigations can present officers with particularly difficult problems and tactful and sensitive handling of the situation is vital, with the safety and wellbeing of the victim and any children being considered as paramount. Tayside Police views the incidence of domestic Abuse with a high level of priority. They will prioritise incidents to ensure immediate response and continually seek to improve the service provided to persons who find themselves the victims of such situations and it is incumbent on each officer to maintain this high standard.

In dealing with domestic abuse cases, we will treat all victims and their families in a fair, sensitive and ethical manner and we will strive to ensure that there is consistency in our approach, whilst taking into account the needs of individuals. To meet the needs of our communities that we serve, we recognise that this includes consideration of the diversity of cultures, religions, ethnicity and sexual orientation that comprise our society.