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### PART ONE

#### PD 513 Child Abuse Investigation Procedure - updated

The Child Abuse Investigation Procedure has been updated. You can find the revised procedure in the Corporate Library under Policing>Investigating and Detecting

The updated areas cover:

- Section 4.2 - Responsibilities of all Personnel to Child Abuse & Safeguarding Children
- Section 4.5 - Minimum Standards of Initial Police Response
- Section 4.6 - Incident Investigation and Initial Evidence Gathering
- Section 4.12 - Investigation Standards - plus, associated Checklists at Appendix C of the Procedure
- Appendix E - Terms of Reference

The requirement for action in child abuse cases creates obligations at every stage of the police response. These obligations apply when taking reports of concern for children throughout the process of investigation, and include the multi-agency response for safeguarding. The procedures are intended to support Officers and Staff to ensure that a thorough investigation is completed in all cases where concern for a child is reported.

Further useful literature and guidance can be found on the CAIU web-page on the [Public Protection Intranet site](#).  
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