

Transport of Children in Police Vehicles Policy Statement



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Cleveland Police as a general rule should not transport children in Police vehicles. If it is necessary to move children from a location, the criteria contained in this policy must be considered and implemented. Children will only be transported in a Police Vehicle where it is necessary to fulfil a Police duty

If it is necessary to move children: -

- a. The parent or guardian should be invited to use their own transport facilities or those of friends or relatives, if available.
- b. Specialist contractors may be used. This would include taxis or charitable associations. These arrangements should be made at the expense of the parent/appropriate adult of the child.
- c. Other stakeholders to the issue, i.e. Health Service, Social Services and Schools, should provide Transport.

Where (a) – (c) are not practicable, and in cases of emergency, the Officer should carry out a dynamic risk assessment to compare the risk of leaving the children at the location to that of moving them by Police transport.

If the decision is to move the children, then they should be transported as safely as possible to the nearest place of safety.

Transportation of children will be performed in accordance with Road Traffic Legislation in respect of seat belts, with consideration to the age and height of the passenger.