

SCHEDULE

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND CODE OF ETHICS ETHICAL STANDARDS REQUIRED OF POLICE OFFICERS

Article 4 Use of Force

4.3. Wherever it is necessary for police officers to resort to the lawful use of force or firearms, they shall:

- (a) exercise restraint in such use and act in proportion to the seriousness of the offence and the legitimate object to be achieved;
- (b) minimise damage and injury, and respect and preserve human life;
- (c) ensure that assistance and medical aid are secured to any injured person at the earliest possible opportunity;
- (d) ensure that relatives or close friends of the injured or affected person are notified at the earliest possible opportunity;
- (e) report the incident promptly to their supervisors;
- (f) comply with Police Service policy, procedure and guidance.

(Sourced from: Article 5(A)-(C), Article 6 United Nations Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials.)