

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT POLICE (COMPLAINTS AND CONDUCT) (JERSEY) COMMENCEMENT ACT 202- (P.84/2025) – CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs**

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CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRIA)

PART 1: SCREENING

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Type of Duty Bearer: (Minister, Elected Member or States Assembly Body)	Minister
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Date:	21.07.2025

1) Name and brief description of the proposed decision

The subject of your CRIA may be a proposed law, policy or proposition and in accordance with the Law is referred to in this template as the '**decision**'

- What is the problem or issue the decision is trying to address?
- Do children experience this problem differently from adults?

The draft Police (Complaints and Conduct) (Jersey) Commencement Act 202- will bring the Police (Complaints and Conduct)(Jersey) Law 202- in to force. The latter will provide for the conduct of investigations into complaints against members of the States of Jersey and Honorary Police.

It will modernise the police complaints process and provide some commonality with other legislation in the British Isles to assist with interoperability if some kind of reciprocal exchange of resources and services (more commonly known as "mutual aid"), is required.

The experience for children will be no different to that of an adult.

2) Which groups of children and young people are likely to be affected?

Groups of children could include early years, primary or secondary education; young adults; children with additional learning needs; disabled children; children living in poverty; children from particular ethnic backgrounds; migrants; refugees; care experienced children and LGBTQ+ children

None specifically but experience tells us that young persons may have interactions with the police and may wish to complain. Their experience will be no different to that of an adult and they will have the same access and rights to make a complaint if they wish.

3) What is the likely impact of the proposed decision on children and on their rights?

- Identify any potential positive OR negative impacts and include indirect impacts on children and their rights as described in the UNCRC
- Will different groups of children be affected differently by this decision?

Children will have the same rights as an adult to make a complaint and will be treated the same way as any adult during the complaint process. A more transparent, effective, efficient and modern police complaint system will be more advantageous for everyone involved in the complaint process. There should be no difference for any one particular age group of children when making a complaint or being involved in the police complaint process.

4) Is a full Children's Rights Impact Assessment required? If you have identified impacts on children and their rights, a full CRIA should be completed. If no impacts are identified then a Full CRIA is not required, but please explain your rationale and how you reached this conclusion
A full CRIA is not required, there is no impact on children and their rights. There is no requirement for the procedures to be different for children and children will not be adversely affected by the introduction of this legislation.