

Notice of rights, entitlements and safeguards that apply to voluntary interviews PACE Code C

The purpose of the voluntary interview is to question you to obtain evidence about your involvement or suspected involvement in the offence(s) outlined to you. You will be told that you are not under arrest.

During Interview

▪ You will be cautioned: "You do not have to say anything. But it may harm your defence if you do not mention when questioned something which you later rely on in Court. Anything you do say may be given in evidence."

Right to Information

▪ You are entitled to receive sufficient information about the offence(s) in question to enable you to understand the nature of any such offence(s) and why you are suspected of committing it.

Right to legal advice

▪ You have a right to seek legal advice if you wish and this includes the right to speak with a solicitor on the telephone and to have the solicitor present during the interview but payment for this will be a matter for you to arrange with the solicitor.

▪ You will be asked if you want legal advice and your reply will be recorded.

▪ If you want legal advice the time and place of the interview will be arranged to enable you to obtain that advice and the interview will be delayed until you have received the advice.

▪ If you decline to exercise your right to legal advice you will be asked the reason for your decision and any reason you give will be recorded.

Right to have an Interpreter present

▪ If the interviewer determines that you require an interpreter, the necessary arrangements will be made and the interview will be delayed for those arrangements to be made.

Time and location of interview

▪ The interview will be arranged for a time and location that enables:

- your rights as described above to be fully respected; and
- the whole of the interview to be recorded using an authorised recording device in accordance with PACE Code E (Code of Practice on Audio recording of interviews with suspects) or, as the case may be, PACE Code F (Code of Practice on visual recording with sound of interviews with suspects).

▪ Your agreement to take part in the interview also signifies your agreement for the interview to be audio-recorded or, as the case may be, visually recorded with sound.

Rights applicable to juveniles, vulnerable persons and those needing help to check documentation

▪ If the interviewer determines that you are a juvenile or are vulnerable you have the right to have an appropriate adult present.

▪ If the interviewer determines that you need help to check documentation you have the right to have the necessary help to check documentation

▪ The interview will be delayed until the presence of the appropriate adult or (as the case may be) the necessary help is available.

▪ If you are a juvenile or vulnerable and do not want legal advice, your appropriate adult has the right to ask for a solicitor to attend if this would be in your best interests and the appropriate adult will be so informed. However, you cannot be forced to see the solicitor if you are adamant that you do not wish to do so.