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Handling of sexual offences cases

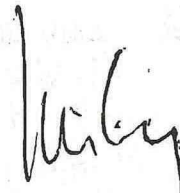
At the meeting of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services on 28 May 2013, Members requested information on the “one-stop” service provided by the Police for victims of sexual offence cases and whether such service could be expedited. The following is the supplementary information for Members’ reference.

Whenever a report of sexual violence is received, it is referred to the appropriate Crime unit as soon as possible. A statement will then be taken from the victim as soon as practicable by an officer of the same sex trained to deal with sexual violence victims. The statement summarizes the information known to the victim that is relevant to the case and which the victim certifies to be true to the best of his or her knowledge and belief. This includes the evidence that the victim will give in Court if called upon to testify as a witness. Depending on the circumstances of each case, the victims may be referred to other professionals for assistance if necessary, e.g. medical doctor, forensic pathologist and social worker. Although the number of statements taken from a victim is kept to a minimum and the summary of the case will be furnished to the professionals before they meet the victim, the professional may find it necessary to seek further information from the victim in individual cases.

To avoid adding trauma by repeating their ordeal to different professionals on different occasions, sexual offences victims can choose to receive medical treatment, forensic examination, be interviewed and give a statement to investigators, and receive counselling and other support services (e.g. arrange accommodation and financial support) within the same public hospital on the same occasion under the "One-Stop Service Model".

The Police will continue to handle sexual offences cases in a professionally manner to ensure that victims of sexual violence are treated with sensitivity and empathy.

Yours sincerely,



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