

Equality Impact Assessment Record  
**Annex A**

<b>Name of new / revised Policy:</b>	Victims' Right to Review
<b>Purpose of Policy:</b>	To implement victims' right to review as required by s4 of the Victims and Witnesses Act 2014.
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<b>Date Assessment Completed:</b>	22 July 2015
<b>Assessment Record Authorised by:</b>	Project Board

This new / revised policy was fully assessed for any equality impact based on the General Equality Duty of the Equality Act (2010).

**Summary of research and consultation carried out:**

Consideration was given to the guidance contained within this document and COPFS guidance on equality issues generally

In addition we consulted with a number of stakeholders including Victim Support Scotland, Children 1<sup>st</sup>, Rape Crisis, Scottish Women's Aid and the Citizen's Advice Bureau. We also shared the guidance and invited comments from various other groups such as ASSIST, Shakti, AMIS, Stalking Scotland, "Stop it now", Barnardos, SCID etc.

**Key issues identified: -  
(Note here if you conclude there are no equality issues relating to the new / revised policy)**

The Lord Advocate's Rules require that all applications should be made in writing. We have discussed with victims groups to ensure that necessary assistance can be provided to those who may have difficulty in completing a written form. We will need to consider having the rules and application form translated into a variety of formats.

Assistance will be available to assist anyone who prefers to communicate with us via non-written formats.

This has been discussed with Equality Team, and any amendments made to the EIA will be notified to them, as required.

**Changes made to new / revised Policy**

**Review Process for Policy**

Annual reviews from date of implementation of policy.

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