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Title:	Homicide and Unexplained Death Policy				
Summary:	This policy introduces procedures for the investigation of all homicides & unexplained deaths.				
Branch / OCU:	Specialist Crime & Operations 1 - Homicide and Major Crime.				
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Application

- **When?** This Policy applies with immediate effect.
- **Who?** All police officers and police staff, including the extended police family and those working voluntarily or under contract to the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) or the Commissioner must be aware of, and are required to comply with, all relevant Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) policy and associated procedures.

This Policy applies in particular to officers and staff in the following roles: (This list is not intended to be exhaustive.)

- All borough operational police officers and staff that in their course of their duty deal or come into contact with homicide or unexplained death.
- Officers and police staff within Specialist Crime and Operations (SC&O), in particular Homicide and Major Crime (SC&O1),
- Line management within the SC&O who must ensure compliance with procedures encompassed as the Authorised Professional Practice (APP or revised doc title from College of Policing).
- **What?** SC&O1 will undertake the following reactive investigations:
 - all murder, manslaughter (where there is likely to be culpability for the loss of life) and infanticide offences;
 - interfamilial child homicide (including attempts);
 - deaths within the workplace or mass disaster where culpability for the loss of life is likely to be an issue in a criminal court;
 - attempted murder where the evidence of intent is unambiguous and where a risk assessment identifies substantive risk to life (see note below);