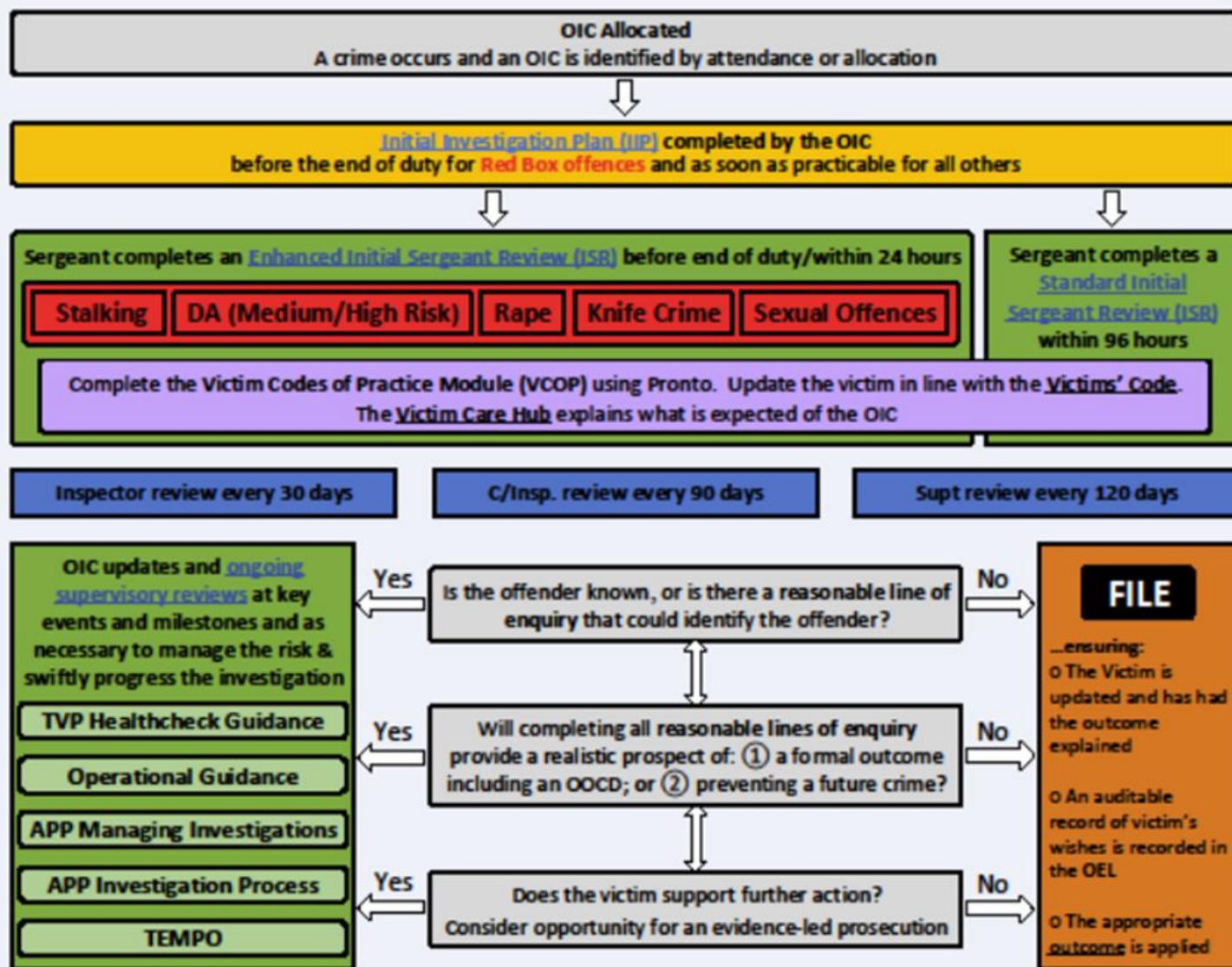


# Crime Management Framework

This framework, approved by CCMT, provides the force expectations for prioritising and managing crime. It aims to use our resources wisely and to meet the needs of victims by investigating reported crimes quickly, proportionately and thoroughly. Supervisors must provide timely and effective direction of investigations. It is intended to improve the service we provide and enhance the wellbeing and resilience of our staff.



**At any point, if there are no further reasonable lines of enquiry that will provide a realistic prospect of a formal outcome including an OOC, or preventing a future crime, the investigation should be filed.**

Suspects should be arrested or interviewed as soon as practicable after being identified with swift case progression prioritised

### What is a Reasonable Line of Enquiry?

- Is the evidence readily available?  
(e.g. victim/witness statement, suspect admission, CCTV, BWV, ANPR, forensics inc. digital)
- Does it identify a suspect or point to or away from a known suspect?
- Is it relevant to the circumstances of the case or the stage of the investigation?
- Does the investigator determine it to be a proportionate line of enquiry?

### NPCC Risk Principles

- Principle 1 – Be willing to make decisions in conditions of uncertainty
- Principle 2 – Prioritise the safety, security & wellbeing of individuals/ communities
- Principle 3 – Consider the value and likelihood of possible benefits against the seriousness and likelihood of harm
- Principle 4 – Decisions should be judged by the quality of the decision making, not by the outcome
- Principle 5 – Take into account the circumstances at the time (e.g. emergencies, sequence of decisions, dilemmas)
- Principle 6 – Decisions should be consistent with that of officers of a similar rank, specialism or experience
- Principle 7 – The decision whether to record a decision should take into account likelihood of harm and seriousness
- Principle 8 – Good risk taking should be identified, recognised and shared
- Principle 9 – Work with partner agencies and others to share relevant information
- Principle 10 – Officers/staff should be supported if decisions are made in line with these principles

**SAFEGUARDING** is the action taken to promote the welfare of children & vulnerable adults, and to protect them from harm. Take the necessary action to achieve this and share information with relevant agencies as required