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LAW ENFORCEMENT



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Autism Passport Scheme

A new “passport” informing law enforcement individuals they are dealing with have autism has been launched.

A joint project between Bailiwick Law Enforcement and Autism Guernsey, the passports have a number of benefits.

Steve Gilman, Sergeant – Operations, has been leading the project for BLE and said:

“This fantastic initiative has been used in a similar manner by the Metropolitan Police and really proved its worth, due to different ways of working we have been able to expand on it and make it more effective to everyone’s needs. We understand that dealing with Law Enforcement, either as the aggrieved, witness or suspect is outside of most people’s personal experience and it can be daunting. People with autism may find this more so, and for the officers to have the knowledge beforehand means they can adjust their approach and help the person through this experience in a way they that will be less stressful for them.

“We are delighted to have worked with Autism Guernsey on this project and want to thank them for all the time and effort they have put into this piece of work. We really could not have done it without them.

“As an organisation that works across society it is important we do everything we can to ensure that everyone within the community we serve feels they get the best possible service. This passport means we are better serving those with Autism, and we are proud to introduce this.”

Autism Guernsey Director Andrew Warren said:

“Autism Guernsey welcomes the introduction of the Autism Passport Scheme and views it as providing additional, vital support to people with autism who come into contact with the Criminal Justice system. We welcome the positive and flexible approach Guernsey Police have shown in developing this scheme and look forward to working with them on future developments. We will also be looking to work with other sections of the Criminal Justice system in the near future to improve the experience of people with autism further.”

The forms are obtainable in the main from autism Guernsey or from the Enquiry Desk at the Police Station and by emailing contact@jescc.gov.gg

