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## **NATIONAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS – PCC UPDATE REPORT**

### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 This report provides the Police and Crime Panel with an update on national and regional policing developments.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Panel to note the report.

### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To provide the Panel with a brief update on national and regional policing developments.

### **4. Summary of Key Points**

- 4.1 On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019, the Deputy Chief Constable provided the Commissioner with an update on the following five national and regional developments:
- The Emergency Services Network (Police Reform Transformation Programme)
  - Strategic Policing Requirement Compliance
  - National Police Air Service: Future Model of Delivery and Funding Requirements
  - Transforming Forensics
  - Information Technology Transformation
- 4.2 This report provides a brief summary of the main issues highlighted for each report. However, the full reports can be downloaded by clicking the link below.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> <https://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Document-Library/Public-Information/Meetings/Strategic-Resources-and-Performance/July-2019/Full-Agenda-Pack-15-July-2019.pdf>

## **5. Update on the Emergency Services Network (Police Reform Transformation Programme)**

- 5.1 Following public scrutiny via the National Audit Office and Public Accounts Committee, the Home Office have affirmed that Emergency Services Network (ESN) remains the right strategic direction as a replacement for Airwave (Police radio communications) as an emergency services mission critical communications system.
- 5.2 However, national Police Chief's Council has raised concerns around the costs of the programme and plans for contingency arrangements. It is evident that unless forces plan and prepare for convergence of devices and IT eco-systems, they are likely to incur significantly inflated costs in comparison to Airwave.
- 5.3 The National ESN Finance Reference Group (FRG) has been provided with indicative figures regarding the financial exposure to Police Forces in England and Wales. The East Midlands region is represented on the ESN FRG by a member of (EMSOU) to ensure that local Finance Directors are kept abreast of financial developments.
- 5.4 A substantial amount of work is being undertaken nationally to manage and coordinate user engagement, especially involvement in verification and validation of operational capability and functionality as part of a complicated product release management programme, which will see increased activity and engagement with user representatives.
- 5.5 Under the current 'P50' (i.e. 50% probability) plan, the Home Office estimates transition onto ESN will commence after PRIME availability Q2 2021 followed by Airwave National Shutdown in December 2022 (contingency to June 2023). Chief Constable Skelly represents East Midlands Chiefs at the ESN Chief Constables Reference Group (CCRG). The current working assumption is that the East Midlands forces will commence transition activities in Q3 2021.
- 5.6 The regional programme has a positive collaborative relationship with regional ESN Fire counterparts working together on the Force's approach to coverage assurance. This approach seeks to minimise duplication and ensure that public money is spent wisely in assuring this vital element of programme delivery, pending an agreed national coverage methodology and plan.

## **6. Strategic Policing Requirement Compliance Update**

- 6.1 The Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) was first issued in July 2012, in accordance with Section 77 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.<sup>b</sup> The Government has a responsibility for ensuring that sufficient capabilities are in place to respond to serious and cross-boundary threats and supports Chief

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<sup>b</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategic-policing-requirement>

Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) in balancing local and national priorities. These SPR's can be revised by the Home Secretary as and when required.<sup>c</sup> For example, in 2015 Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) was made an additional national threat. The current SPRs in brief are:

- Terrorism
- Serious and organised crime
- A national cyber security incident
- Threats to public order or public safety
- Civil emergencies
- Child sexual abuse

6.2 Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables are required to have regard to these SPRs in exercising their respective roles.

6.3 In September 2013 HMICFRS, undertook a specific inspection of Nottinghamshire Police against each of the SPR requirements.<sup>d</sup> Since that time, aspects of the SPR were inspected during the PEEL assessments. In September 2018, HMICFRS undertook a PEEL assessment and aspects of the SPR were reported on. The overall PEEL assessment was Good. Brief aspects of the findings are reported as follows:

- The Force has a good understanding of the potential harm facing the public. Its armed policing strategic threat and risk assessment (APSTRA) conforms to the requirements of the code and the College of Policing guidance. The APSTRA is published annually and is accompanied by a register of risk and other observations. The designated chief officer reviews the register frequently to maintain the right levels of armed capability and capacity.
- The Force also has a good understanding of the armed criminals who operate in Nottinghamshire and neighbouring force areas. Nottinghamshire Police is alert to the likelihood of terrorist attacks and has identified venues that may require additional protection in times of heightened threat.
- The majority of armed incidents in Nottinghamshire are attended by officers trained to an armed response vehicle (ARV) standard. The Force has sufficient ARV capability and officers are trained in tactics that take account of the types of recent terrorist attacks.

## **7. National Police Air Service: Future Model of Delivery and Funding Requirements**

7.1 The National Police Air Service (NPAS) provides aerial support to the Central Region that consists of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Mercia and

<sup>c</sup> <https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2015-03-03/HCWS329/>

<sup>d</sup> <https://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmicfrs/wp-content/uploads/nottinghamshire-strategic-policing-requirement.pdf>

West Midlands, by the NPAS operational bases of Husbands Bosworth and Birmingham.

- 7.2 The charge per force for the NPAS service is based on an “actioned calls to service”. This is where any request for police air support is accepted by NPAS and an aircraft has arrived on scene. The NPAS revenue budget for 2019/20 is £42.954m, with a cost of £597,443 allocated to Nottinghamshire.
- 7.3 From 1st January to 31st March 2019 (Qrt1), there have been 386 calls to NPAS from Nottinghamshire Police. Of these 121 have been attended and are therefore subject to a charge to Force. Charges are only incurred for calls where NPAS have been requested, they have accepted, and they arrive on the scene. This equates to around £1,234 per incident attended.

## **8. Transforming Forensics**

- 8.1 Transforming Forensics (TF) is a National two-year programme at a cost of around £30 million. The programme vision is to provide high quality, specialist Forensic capabilities that not only protects communities and the vulnerable but is sustainable and meets future demand. It is designed to join up the National infrastructure and will require separate funding to the programme, of which several proposals have been produced, however there is no indication as to what the costs to our region would be.
- 8.2 Funding is available for the Forensic Capability Network (FCN) programme for another year and will require further funding to achieve all of its objectives. Separately to that the FCN will also require funding on a permanent annual basis.
- 8.3 The East Midlands Forensic Collaboration is seen as best practice. The current TF Programme has financial pressures given its temporal nature and regularly uses East Midlands resources to further its aims which mainly benefit other forces.

## **9. Information Technology Transformation Update**

- 9.1 The section of the report relates to two national Information Technology (IT) programmes:
- National Enabling Programmes (NEP)
  - Digital Policing Portfolio (DPP)

### **National Enabling Programmes (NEP)**

- 9.2 **Productivity Services:** Implementation of Microsoft Office365, which is an upgrade to current productivity tools, bringing new collaboration technologies, tools and applications. User data will be securely stored in the Microsoft cloud.

- 9.3 The Force has made very good progress and is among the first of the non-pilot forces to make the move to Office365. The implementation is through 2 pilot phases, the first being a technical pilot of 50 users and the second being a 250 user business pilot. The first pilot is currently (June 2019) being implemented within Information Services and some other users. Office365 will be rolled out across the Force in 2020.
- 9.4 **Identity Access Management (IAM):** This project relates to the standardising of user identities across various IT systems and policing, to reduce the number of user identities officers and staff are required to have to gain access, thus reducing any barriers to information sharing. The Force is currently working with East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit (EMSCU) to facilitate the purchase of a software tool to support this work. The first kick off workshop with the national team was held in July 2019.
- 9.5 **National Management Centre (NMC):** NMC is a national cyber security service which monitors policing systems for threats and attempted breaches helping to keep them safe and secure. The NMC has only recently come on line. The national programme will be providing software that the Force will install on policing our systems that facilitate the monitoring and reporting back to the NMC.

### **Digital Policing Portfolio (DPP)**

- 9.6 **Digital Public Contact:** To transform the police's relationship with the public by introducing a new channel that is as focussed as 999. This will be achieved by the implementation of a new national website, Single Online Home, which will give access to national and local content and will replace the need for each force to have their own website. Social media will also become a primary access channel through another element of the programme. Force implementation is expected to be March 2020.
- 9.7 **Digital Investigation and Intelligence:** To enable policing to protect the public through preventing and detecting crime in a society that is becoming increasingly digital. This will help equip officers with the skills and knowledge to operate in a digital society. Enhanced capabilities will be provided to help officers effectively access and analyse data for policing purposes. The first stages of the project are for forces to assess their maturity in dealing with digital evidence. In order to do this a Digital Assessment Tool has been developed by the national team.
- 9.8 **Digital First:** To provide the mechanisms to enable policing and the Criminal Justice System (CJS) to work together in a more digital way. This is working with partners in Criminal Justice to enable the effective transfer of digital evidence. The Digital Evidence Transfer System (DETS) has been developed as a mechanism for forces to transfer media to CJS. Digital Case Files allows officers to complete forms rather than Word documents, making for better formatted data and easier transmission of documents to CJS. The programme is also looking at options to improve efficiency through the use of virtual/video enabled courts and live links. The DETS is currently on pilot in a small number of forces.

9.9 **Mobility:** Enabling the frontline to maximise productivity through a more consistent, joined-up national approach to interoperable mobile working solutions. This will be through providing standards, defining and sharing good practice and delivering technological and commercial innovation. The national programme will be working on standards, good practice, commercial leverage and technological innovation.

## **10. Details of outcome of consultation**

10.1 The Chief Constable has been sent a copy of this report.

## **11. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)**

- [Reports to Strategic Resources & Performance Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019](#)

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