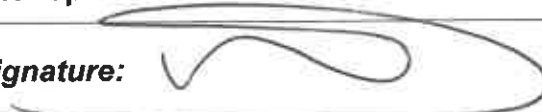


**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

REF: 019/2019

DATE: 23 September 2019

EAST MIDLANDS SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT – FORENSIC SERVICES (“EMSOU-FS”) COLLABORATION AGREEMENT	
REPORT BY	CHIEF CONSTABLE
CONTACT OFFICER	DCC CHRIS HAWARD
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT The Collaboration Agreement replaces earlier collaboration agreements entered into in respect of the East Midlands Specialist Operations Unit – Forensic Services (EMSOU-FS), and governs the parties' continued collaboration in relation to EMSOU-FS.	
RECOMMENDATION	<i>The Police and Crime Commissioner approves the Collaboration Agreement in respect of EMSOU-FS.</i>

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.
<i>Signature:</i>  <i>Date:</i> 23 9 19

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The parties to the agreement are the Chief Constables of Derbyshire Constabulary, Leicestershire Police, Lincolnshire Police, Northamptonshire Police and Nottinghamshire Police, together with the PCCs for Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire. The Agreement replaces an earlier collaboration agreement entered into in respect of EMSOU-FS (including the Original Collaboration Agreement) and governs the Parties' continued collaboration in relation to EMSOU-FS.
2. The Agreement confirms that the PCCs agree to provide the financial resources and support to EMSOU-FS including, but not limited to, premises, equipment, staff, services and facilities in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement.
3. The Chief Constables agree that they should continue to collaborate in EMSOU-FS and that they will provide the staff, equipment and support necessary to give effect to the Agreement.

2. The aims of EMSOU-FS described in the Collaboration agreement are:
 - 2.1 to provide a regional forensic service to the five forces of the East Midlands operating under a single management structure, led by the Director of Technical Services;
 - 2.2 the provision of centralised services which will be delivered from a single Centre of Excellence based at The Arrow Centre in Hucknall, Nottinghamshire ("Arrow Centre"). These centralised services include the following:
 - 2.2.1 a regional fingerprint bureau enabling the identification of suspects and persons of interest through fingerprints;
 - 2.2.2 a regional fingerprint enhancement laboratory service for the effective and efficient delivery of all specialist analytical processes, including enhancement of evidence at and recovered from crime scenes and specialist advice and support to investigators;
 - 2.2.3 a specialist digital imaging service supporting investigations and the Criminal Justice System;
 - 2.2.4 a specialist footwear capability processing and pre-screening work for onwards submission, triaging that they are fit for purpose, effective and demonstrate value for money.
 - 2.2.5 a specialist analytical drugs (of abuse) laboratory providing analysis and expert evidence;
 - 2.2.6 a single quality and performance management team to ensure all forensic services undertaken by EMSOU-FS comply with the Quality Standards and to enable the Forces, where they undertake their own forensic services, to comply with the Quality Standards;
 - 2.2.7 a regional forensic case management function which includes a central submissions unit and exhibit handling hubs in the 5 forces. This function will ensure that all submissions to external forensic providers and onwards into the regional services are fit for purpose, effective and demonstrate value for money;
 - 2.2.8 a regional logistics service ensuring secure and timely transportation of exhibits from across the East Midlands region between identified local Force locations and the central services;
 - 2.2.9 a regional rapid DNA Service able to respond efficiently and cost effectively to meet investigative requirements;
 - 2.2.10 the provision of an agile CSI capability which focuses regionally on serious and major crime with a residual local 'volume crime' footprint;
 - 2.2.11 to continue to seek opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Forces in respect of the provision of EMSOU-FS; and

2.2.12 anything which could be considered incidental or ancillary to any of the aforementioned aims.

A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES

The Agreement links to the Police and Crime Commissioner's objective of reducing crime, within the Police and Crime Plan.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Details of the financial contribution are outlined in the Agreement, specifically within Schedule 2.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

[This should include the legal powers the PCC has for making the decision]

The Agreement is in full accordance with the Police Acts of 1996 and 1997 and the Investigatory Powers Act 2016.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

[This should include a copy of the Equality Impact Assessment, if required]

Details of the financial contribution are outlined in the Agreement.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The Agreement may be reviewed on an annual basis, or as determined by the PCCs.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The parties entered into a separate Risk Information Assurance Agreement (RIAA) in May 2015 which sets out the basis on which the parties can share, access and store information belonging to each other.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this form along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC's website within one working day of approval. However, if release by that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved, publication may be deferred. An explanation for any deferment must be provided below, together with a date for publication.

Is the publication of this form to be deferred? No

If Yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate part 2 form.

Is there a part 2 form? Yes

If Yes, for what reason:

The Collaboration Agreement is an unredacted version of the Agreement and should not be published on the grounds that it could undermine operational tactics.

DECLARATIONS

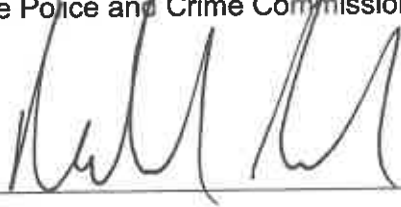
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Originating Officer: ACC Kerrin Wilson recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above	
The CC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal	
The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal	
The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal	
The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

Signature:



Date: 10/2/19

