

# Chief Constables' Council

## National Missing Person Portfolio Update

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This paper is submitted to identify significant updates within my national portfolio.

### **2. National Register for Missing Persons (NRMP)**

- 2.1 As previously reported, a paper recommending the development of a national 'database' for missing persons linked to the PND was submitted to the CCC in 2014. In July 2014 a further paper addressing financial concerns was submitted to the VPPB seeking sanction to continue development work and to consider funding alternatives. Contemporaneously a paper was submitted to the Operational Requirements Board (ORB) which addressed technical change for the police service.

In November 2015, we were requested by the Home Office to apply for funding from the 'Police Transformation Fund' (PTF) to design and implement a National Register for Missing Persons. Following the recent correspondence from the Home Secretary to all CC's and PCC's, I am pleased to report that I have now submitted a bid for the design/implementation of the NRMP, along with a temporary 18 month position for a Database Implementation Manager. The Police Reform and Transformation Board will be meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to consider all bids including this one.

I will update the CCC with any developments in future papers/meetings.

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4. **National Staff Officer Visits to all Forces.**

4.1 To fully understand issues and concerns relating to missing person investigations, I have instructed my Missing Person portfolio staff officer to visit all UK forces. This will not only allow for a wider understanding of issues and risk, but will act as a vehicle for providing national updates to your missing person leads, identifying areas of excellence and sharing best practice within the Missing Person arena. These meetings commenced in May 2016 and continue up until late September 2016.

5. **New Cross Government Strategy**

5.1 The previous 'Missing Persons Strategic Oversight Group' was the national multi-agency coordinating group which sought to drive forward solutions to the challenges of 'missing'. It was felt that this group had lost focus, was insufficiently strategic and too police-centric. Consequently research was undertaken to remodel and re-launch it with greater central government commitment & involvement.

As a result, in summer 2016 a refreshed Cross-Governmental strategy on missing children and adults in England and Wales will be published, this will be supported by a four year implementation

plan for delivery at a national level. This will provide an improved framework with organisations empowered to deliver those aspects of the strategy for which they are responsible. The new structure will include a Ministerial Roundtable meeting, a Programme Board meeting, an Expert Reference Group and one or more 'Task and Finish Groups'.

**6. College of Policing Authorised Professional Practice for Missing Person Investigations**

- 6.1 I am pleased to report that we are working with the CoP and \*\*\*\*S23(1) to produce the APP for missing person investigations. Following consultation in both 2015 and 2016, amendments and additions are now being made; we anticipate this being complete within the next two months. The purpose of the APP is to ensure that cases of missing persons are investigated effectively, and are supported by relevant management structures. An Academic workshop has taken place and further such forums are planned that will assist in future development of the APP to ensure it remains current and relevant.

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