



Report to the East Midlands Police Authorities Joint Committee

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1. Sponsor of paper

Programme Director, East Midlands Police Collaboration.

2. Reason for report

Update on progress in 2009/10.

3. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to note progress to the end of January 2010.

4. Detail and analysis

Introduction

Regular programme updates are published by the Programme Director, East Midlands Police Collaboration. These are a public document. They go to the members of police authorities and regional ACPO and are published on the collaboration extranet and via police authorities. This paper provides an overview of progress to the end of January 2010. The East Midlands Police Authorities Joint Committee will receive a progress report covering the whole of 2009/10 for consideration when it meets in June 2010. This will take the form of a draft annual report. The Committee will be asked to approve publication of the annual report.

This paper does not deal with the achievements of regional operational units such as the East Midlands Special Operations Unit and the East Midlands Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit.

Projects and workstreams

Appendix 1 lists the live projects and workstreams in the collaboration programme and records those that have been completed or closed. Following a review by the Collaboration Programme Team in November 2009, work within the programme was prioritised to match the Team's capacity. Priority projects and workstreams are shown in bold in Appendix 1.



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Appendix 1 sets out the current position on each project or workstream, including progress to date and benefits. Projects are closed where they are no longer considered viable or likely to lead to benefits. For example, work on an Authorities Bureau was closed because the necessary legislation is not likely in the foreseeable future.

Not all collaboration activity is captured in Appendix 1. Considerable work has gone into ensuring the sustainability of the East Midlands Police Collaboration and managing stakeholders. This includes:

- developing the governance of collaboration. This has led to a reduction in the number of oversight meetings (cashable saving of £30k annually), greater clarity about the roles of the East Midlands Police Authorities Joint Committee, the Collaboration Board and regional ACPO;
- improved communication through the publication of a regular report from the Programme Director, publication of an annual report for 2008/09 and establishing a collaboration extranet;
- identifying the future arrangements for leadership of collaboration in the East Midlands. This has resulted in the appointment of a Deputy Chief Constable to lead operational collaboration in the region and the collaboration programme with a consequent saving 60% of an Assistant Chief Constable;
- work to represent the region's interests with the Home Office, National Policing Improvement Agency, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary;
- the Partnership Forum which provides the mechanism for consulting with the Federation, Superintendents Association and Unison;
- the single policy and procedure mechanism. This has been used to develop policies on witness protection, mobile data and firearms.

Financial and other benefits

The primary aim of the collaboration programme thus far has been to reduce protective services risks. This is seen in the priority projects within the programme that are mainly in protective service areas, such as witness protection, firearms and major case review.

The collaboration programme has contributed to increased funding for the region and savings. These are set out in Table 1 below.



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Table1 Increased funding and savings

Area	Increased funding or saving (£'m)		
	(to date)		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Joint procurement project	0.236	0.637	0.685
Home Office support	0.040	0.465	-
NPIA Support	-	-	0.076
GOEM Support	-	0.035	-
Demonstrator project funding	0.270	-	-
Automatic Number Plate Recognition project	0.262	-	-
Mobile Data – savings (cashable but not cash releasing)	0.478	1.324	1.531
Mobile Data - HO Funding	8.318	-	-
EMSOU & Regional Intelligence Unit	2.561	1.948	1.448
DCC saving (non Cash) CTIU & EMSOU	-	-	0.082
Regional Crime Training	0.170	0.170	0.170
TOTAL	£12.335	£4.579	£3.992
* Joint procurement & mobile data savings are still estimates for 2009 - 2011			

As well as the financial benefits, the programme has or is generating other less tangible benefits, including:

- solutions to operational vulnerabilities. Projects such as major case review and witness protection will reduce the risk of harm to the public;
- improved productivity. The deployment of smart phones, hand held and vehicle mounted computers will save police officer time.
- enhancing the region's reputation. EMSOU and the approach to collaboration taken by the region are recognised as models of good practice;
- ability to influence national policy development. In this area the region was able to influence the content of the Police and Crime Act 2009 and



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- has been part of the reference group for the subsequent statutory guidance and implementation toolkit
- improved communication within and between forces. A wide range of groups now meet on a regional basis. For example, these include BCU commanders and control room managers. Other regional activity includes five force training events. There were over 60 regional meetings held at Newark in the first six months of 2009.

5. Implications

Covered in the main body of the report.

6. Exemptions

None.

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