



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Constable

Date: 04 September 2013

SECTION 22 AGREEMENT – EASTERN REGION COUNTER TERRORISM SECURITY ADVISORS (CTSA) AGREEMENT

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Board on the signing of the section 22 agreement to collaborate regionally on the above service.

2. Matters to Note

- 2.1 At the Chief Constables meeting in January 2013 a decision was made to regionalise the Counter Terrorism Security Advisers (CTSAs) and place them under the line management of the Counter Terrorism (CT) Units.
- 2.2 While each region interpreted this decision and created the structure in different ways, the Eastern Region decided to create a regional structure under a section 22 agreement. The decision provides reassurance for the staff that they still belong to their home force and keeps collaboration in line with other agreements already in place within the CT/Domestic Extremism environment.

3. Section 22 Agreement

- 3.1 The section 22 agreement seeks to confirm agreement across the region to establish a regionally collaborated cadre of Counter Terrorism Security Advisers.
- 3.2 The collaboration will make efficiency savings and increase effectiveness as a result of having one line management structure for the CTSA cadre within the East Count Terrorism Intelligence Unit (ECTIU), rather than have duplicated management roles across the six forces.

3.3 The proposed section 22 agreement, which has been created by and agreed by the regions solicitors, sets out staffing, resourcing/financing, etc. of the cadre and a memorandum of understanding accompanies the agreement.

3.4 Each of the six Chief Constables and Commissioners from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk will be invited to sign the agreement to show their commitment to the collaboration.

4. Recommendation

4.1 That the Board notes that the Chief Constable has already signed the agreement and the Commissioner is also recommended to sign the agreement.