



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

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PSD – SECTION 22 AGREEMENT

1. Purpose

1.1 The Professional Standards Department is already a collaborated function between Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire police forces. A S23 agreement was signed in November 2011 by all the respective parties to give a legal basis for the governance of the collaborated unit. It is necessary, therefore, for an updated S22 for PSD to be signed.

2. Background

2.1 At the Alliance meeting on 9 December the Chief Constables presented a paper in respect of the future governance of PSD. It was agreed at that meeting that PSD would remain a collaborated function, that Cambridgeshire would remain lead force and that a S22 agreement would be prepared for sign off by all the parties.

2.2 A S22a was presented to the Alliance on 1 April whilst a legal clarification was being sought. Members agreed to sign the agreement once that clarification had been resolved. This issue has now been resolved.

2.3 Legal advice has been obtained in respect of the agreement and Alliance members are assured that the Section 22a Agreement for PSD is legally sound and in line with Home Office Statutory Guidance for Police collaboration (October 2012).

2.4 The existing cost apportionment method will be used. A review of this together with the apportionment formula for JPS will take place in the coming years.

- 2.5 Delegation of authority - A single-Force model of accountability will be used with clear direction and control to the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire Constabulary for Professional Standards Department services.
- 2.6 Accountability arrangements – The Commissioner for Cambridgeshire must hold their Chief Officer accountable for the discharge of functions and the delivery of the service across all policing body areas under this agreement. This arrangement is in accordance with Home Office guidance.
- 2.7 General Liabilities - Assurances have been given by the underwriter that they agree to the Lead Force arrangements.
- 2.8 Governance arrangements – Appendices 1 and 2 detail the governance arrangements upon which this S22a will operate.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That the three S22a agreements are signed.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Document(s)	S22a PSD
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