



To: Police & Crime Commissioner

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Briefing Note -Addendum to the ERSOU S22 RIPA Agreement

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To update the Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) on a revised National Collaboration Agreement made under Section 22A of the Police Act 1996

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Police and Crime Commissioner should sign the addendum to the ERSOU Section 22A Agreement to effect the collaborative arrangements for the purpose of providing efficient and effective policing.

3.0 Background

3.1 The original agreement made between Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norfolk and Suffolk Chief Constables and Police & Crime Commissioners on 10th October 2016 concerning cross border authorisations under RIPA

3.2 There is now a need to formally agree a similar cross border authorisation regime in terms of authorisations under the Investigatory Powers Act (IPA) 2016 for the acquisition and disclosure of Communications Data.

3.3 A statutory instrument created the Communications Data Acquisition Regulations, the effect of which is that forces within the eastern region can continue to “cross authorise” applications for Communications data under IPA 2016 on the condition that there is a relevant collaboration agreement between forces.

3.4 The IPA Addendum has been considered and agreed by Bedfordshire Force Solicitor, BCH Collaboration lead & Hertfordshire Deputy Head of Legal Services.

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