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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE MODEL (NIM) IMPLEMENTATION IN PSNI

1. POLICY IDENTIFICATION

POLICY TITLE: National Intelligence Model (NIM)
Implementation in PSNI

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2. POLICY STATEMENT

Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) utilises the National Intelligence Model (NIM) as a business process to provide focus to policing. Procedures and Guidance on NIM are based on ACPO NIM Code of Practice and ACPO NIM Minimum Standards applied to England and Wales. Minor amendments have been made to reflect the legal, organisational and managerial requirements of PSNI.

3. INTRODUCTION

(1) Background

- (a) This Policy explains NIM implementation within PSNI.
- (b) NIM is a business process, providing a standard way of determining policing priorities and a process for deciding what resources are needed to tackle them. It is adopted by PSNI in accordance with paragraph 1.2.7 of the ACPO NIM Code of Practice.
- (c) The NIM is a National Model for policing. The intention behind it is to provide focus to operational policing and to achieve a disproportionately greater impact from the resources applied to any problem. It is dependent on a clear framework of analysis of information and intelligence allowing a problem solving approach to law enforcement. The expected outcomes are – improved community safety, reduced crime and the control of criminality and disorder leading to greater public reassurance and confidence.
- (d) The NIM is not confined to or restricted for specialist usage. It is relevant to all areas of law enforcement and overall is a model for operational policing. Departments and specialist units may apply NIM processes at the discretion of department/branch heads.

(2) Application

This Policy is relevant to all police officers and police staff.

(3) Summary

This Policy sets out:

- (a) NIM Code of Practice for PSNI;
- (b) NIM Performance Framework for PSNI;
- (c) Neighbourhood Policing and NIM;
- (d) NIM Control Strategy Template (Operational);
- (e) NIM Control Strategy Template (Non-Operational);
- (f) NIM Minimum Standards for PSNI.

(4) Legal Basis

- (a) Although there are no legislative requirements for PSNI to adopt NIM as the business process, NIM has been adopted by the Chief Constable.
- (b) Implementation is based on ACPO NIM Code of Practice and ACPO NIM Minimum Standards applied to England and Wales. NIM Implementation is a legal requirement in England and Wales.

4. IMPLICATIONS OF THE POLICY

(1) Continuous Improvement/Efficiency

- (a) NIM is a business model that can assist in identifying how resources can be used most effectively in order to have the most significant impact on a range of policing issues.
- (b) ACC Crime Operations will be the Service champion for NIM.

(2) Consultation

Consultation has taken place with:

- (a) District Commanders;
- (b) NCPE NIM Implementation Team;
- (c) Head of Finance and Support Services;
- (d) ACC Criminal Justice;
- (e) ACC Crime Operations;
- (f) Deputy Chief Constable;
- (g) ACC Urban;
- (h) Media and PR;
- (i) Legal Services;
- (j) ACC Rural;
- (k) Human Resources;
- (l) ACC Operational Support;
- (m) Professional Standards Department;
- (n) Command Secretariat.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS/EQUALITY/INTEGRITY/FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

- (1) This Policy has been written in accordance with the principles of the Human Rights Act 1998, which incorporates the European Convention on Human Rights, and Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act.
- (2) This Policy is deemed to be Human Rights compliant; it has been screened for Section 75 considerations and is compliant with the Code of Ethics.
- (3) This Policy is suitable for disclosure in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, however the accompanying Procedures and Guidance is suitable for internal disclosure only.

6. MONITORING/REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed on 1st April 2009.