

Appendix 'N'

Glossary of Terms Abbreviations and Acronyms

ACPO	Association of Chief Police Officers
ACPOS	Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland
AEP	Attenuating Energy Projectile
AFO	Authorised Firearms Officer (see also SFO)
APP	Authorised Professional Practice
ARV	Armed Response Vehicle
ATO	Ammunition Technical Officer
CAA	Civil Aviation Authority
CAST	Home Office Centre for Applied Science and Technology
CBRN	Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear
CCF	Chief Constables Forum (PSNI)
CED	Conductive Energy Device (Taser)
CFI	Chief Firearms Instructor (PSNI)
CHIS	Covert Human Intelligence Source
CIA	Community Impact Assessment
CIFEx	Centre for Information on Firearms and Explosives (PSNI)
CMDU	Conflict Management Development Unit (PSNI)
CPU	Close Protection Unit (PSNI)
CMCHA	Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007
Critical Incident	Any incident where the effectiveness of the policing response is likely to have a significant impact on the confidence of the victim, his or her family, and/or the community
CS	o-chlorobenzylidene malononitrile

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ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EGT	Evidence Gathering Team
EHRR	European Human Rights Reports
EMOE	Explosive Method of Entry
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
FAP	Firearms Access Procedure (PSNI)
FEB	Firearms and Explosives Branch (PSNI)
FMO	Forensic Medical Officer (PSNI)
FSNI	Forensic Science Northern Ireland
HMIC	Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
HOSDB	Home Office Scientific Development Branch (now CAST)
HRA	Human Rights Act
HSENI	Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland
ICS	Information and Communication Services (PSNI)
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
IIMARCH	Information, Intention, Method(s), Administration, Risk Assessment, Communication, Human Rights
MASTS	Mobile Armed Support to Surveillance
MDP	Ministry of Defence Police
MOD	Ministry of Defence
MOE	Method of Entry
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSTU	Medical Support Training Unit (PSNI)

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Mutual Aid	A formal regional or national arrangement for the provision of policing assistance from one force to another
NDM	National Decision Model
NIM	National Intelligence Model
NISRA	Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency
NPFTC	National Police Firearms Training Curriculum
NPFTL	National Police Firearms Training Licence
NPIA	National Policing Improvement Agency
NPOTC	National Public Order Training Curriculum
NVDA	Non Violent Direct Action
PACE	Police and Criminal Evidence Act (NI) 1989
PAVA	Pelargonic Acid Vanillylamide
PIM	Post Incident Manager
PNICC	Police National Information and Co-ordination Centre
POLKA	Police Online Knowledge Area
PONI	Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland
POTA	Public Order Tactical Adviser
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PSU	Police Support Unit
PwC	Policing with the Community
RASU	Road and Armed Support Unit (PSNI)
RIPA	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (2000)
TAROS	Threat and Resource Orientated System of Search
TSG	Tactical Support Group
SAPS	Human Resource Management System (PSNI)

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SFO	Specialist Firearms Officer - an AFO attached to Specialist Operations Branch who has received additional training in the use of firearms in pre-planned policing operations, counter terrorism (CTSFO) and specialist entry/search techniques
SIO	Senior Investigating Officer
SOCA	Serious and Organised Crime Agency
SPOC	Single Point Of Contact
STRA	Strategic Threat and Risk Assessment
UCMC	Urban Contact Management Centre (PSNI)
UKBA	United Kingdom Borders Agency