

DMPC Decision – PCD 695

Title: Modern Slavery Programmes S22a Agreement

Executive Summary:

In September 2016, Devon and Cornwall Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer and the NPCC Lead for Modern Slavery (MS), and his team successfully bid into the Police Transformation Fund to support the introduction of a number of projects to improve the national policing response to MS. Police and Crime Commissioners have agreed to collaborate in relation to the running of the Modern Slavery Police Transformation Programme.

Additional funding has now been confirmed which allows the programme to be extended until March 2020. In order for the Programme to be run successfully and extended until March 2020, a collaboration agreement under S22a of the Police Act 1996 is required.

The paper therefore requests approval for collaboration with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall under the updated S22a agreement for the programme to continue running the Modern Slavery police transformation programme in order to continue the formalised policing approach in England and Wales.

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to approve a collaboration with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, under the updated S22 of the Police Act 1996.

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature

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Date

13/02/2020

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. In September 2016 Devon and Cornwall, successfully bid to the Home Office for funding through the Police Transformation Fund to ensure that police and partners reduce the vulnerability, threat and risk surrounding MS criminal activity, establishing nationally coordinated action, assessment, guidance and training.
- 1.2. The Programme has been developed and this collaboration agreement is being entered into as a direct response to the recommendations to the police made within the Home Office 2016 Review of the Modern Slavery Act, HMICFRS 2017 Thematic Inspection of Modern Slavery and to support forces to respond to the 2019 Independent Review of the Modern Slavery Act
- 1.3. The purpose of this Agreement is to create a national team for the Term, which shall be led by the Lead Force and which shall be responsible for supporting the NPCC Modern Slavery Lead to improve the policing response across England and Wales to Modern Slavery.
- 1.4. In November 2017, DMPC signed a collaboration agreement with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, under S22 of the Police Act 1996.
- 1.5. A new SS2a collaboration agreement has been written for the programme for 2019-20.
- 1.6. The project objectives have been updated to reflect the progress made in understanding the threat the in the initial funding period (2016-2019) and to increase the emphasis on prevention work, support for victims and practical steps to increase the level of prosecutions.
- 1.7. Modern Slavery Police Transformation Programme 2019/20 is designed to provide the following key deliverables:
 - An increased focus on prevention, demand reduction and targeted intelligence development and interventions.
 - A continued focus on improving investigations, case file preparation, and overcoming barriers to prosecution.
 - Setting the foundation for closer working across child criminal exploitation, and child labour exploitation by fully exploring crossovers and minimising gaps in our response.
 - A clear exit strategy to ensure that the modern slavery work moves in to business as usual in 2020/21 following closure of the programme.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The Agreement will be effective once the Lead Force and at least 75% of the remaining Parties have signed the agreement.

- 2.2. The purpose of the Agreement is that the Parties continue the national team to be led by the Lead Force and which shall be the responsibility of the NPCC Modern Slavery Lead to continue to improve policing response across England and Wales to Modern Slavery.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The costs relating to this s22 collaboration agreement are funded by Devon and Cornwall as the lead force for this programme

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. S22 of the Police Act 1996, as amended by Section 89 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 allows the MOPAC, as the local policing body, in connection with the discharge of any its functions to enter into a collaboration agreement.
- 4.2. The MOPAC Scheme of Delegation at Clause 4.5 requires the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to approve all collaboration agreements where the Act requires. As this is a policing body collaboration, it is required.

5. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 5.1. Responsibilities to comply with GDPR and other data protection legislation are defined within the S22a agreement. Each of the Collective Parties acknowledge that they are all subject to the following legislation in respect of any Personal Data, including Agreement Personal Data, Processed under the terms of the agreement:

- Freedom of Information Act 2000 and related secondary legislation
- 2.3.2 the Human Rights Act 1998
- s.35/s.41 of the Digital Economy Act 2017
- GDPR
- DPA 2018.

6. Equality Comments

- 6.1. Equalities considerations have been taken into account particularly concerning the support of vulnerable and diverse communities/victims who are at greatest risk from MS.

7. Background/supporting papers

- 7.1. None.

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and will be made available on the MOPAC website following approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a Part 2 form – NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

Tick to confirm statement (✓)

Financial Advice

The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.

✓

Legal Advice

Legal advice is not required.

✓

Equalities Advice:

Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.

✓

Commercial Issues

Commercial issues are not applicable.

✓

GDPR/Data Privacy

- GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.
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Director/Head of Service

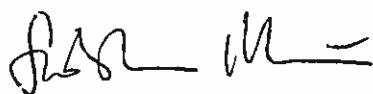
The Director of Strategy has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.

✓

Interim Chief Executive Officer

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

Signature



Date

11/02/2020