

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA

Key Decisions

Title and Reference – S.22a Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Modern Slavery Police Transformation Programme

Report of Rachel Bacon, Assistant Chief Constable

Summary

Forces and Commissioners are requested to sign the s.22a Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Modern Slavery Police Transformation Programme. This is a renewal of an existing agreement and provides assurances for sign off to amendments made to the previous agreement.

There are no legal, financial or operational concerns in relation to the agreement.

Recommendation

The Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner are asked to approve and sign the s. 22a Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Modern Slavery Police Transformation Programme.

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

Signature



Date 23.01.20

Joint Business Meeting	23 January 2020
S.22a Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Modern Slavery Police Transformation Programme	
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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Modern Slavery Programme S.22a agreement which is a renewal of an existing agreement and provide assurances for sign off for amendments made to the previous agreement.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The s.22a Collaboration Agreement is signed by the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner. A copy of the agreement will be provided at the meeting for signature.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Intended to be fully funded by a Home Office grant and led by Devon and Cornwall Police, the purpose of the S.22 is to continue an existing national S.22 agreement. Teams have already been established under the preceding agreement, which include representation within local Regional Organised Crime Units (ROCUs), to pursue measures such as the collation, assessment and dissemination of intelligence from/ to ROCUs and Forces, the analysis of emerging threats, trends and offender/ victim methodologies and develop the evidence base for operational best practice, including prevention measures, conducting effective investigations, achieving successful prosecutions and other criminal justice outcomes. Local ROCU host forces, one of which is Northumbria Police have a detailed role in the programme. The ultimate aim of the agreement is the development of the requisite skills for each individual force to itself deal with Modern Slavery matters.
- 3.2 Devon and Cornwall, as the recipients of the Home Office grant, will lead on the programme outlined in the agreement and distribute the grant accordingly. All of the other parties agree to indemnify the lead force in relation to liabilities arising from the agreement save where Devon and Cornwall has failed to comply with its own policies and procedures. As lead force, Devon and Cornwall will have the right to inspect and audit other forces' records in relation to the programme.
- 3.3 The agreement will come into effect once signed by Devon and Cornwall and ROCU host forces and 75% of national forces and PCCs and will end on 31 March 2020, subject to a likely replacement agreement providing for continuation of the programme of measures beyond that date. The National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) national lead wishes forces to sign up to this agreement now as it is anticipated that the programme will likely be extended beyond 31 March 2020 on substantially the same terms, albeit using the recently produced APACE model form of s.22 agreement.
- 3.4 The Modern Slavery Programme began consultation with regard to the agreement in 2019 and the agreement has been revised in line with feedback from Forces, ROCU's and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioners (OPCC's) and where not revised an explanation has been provided.

- 3.5 The proposed agreement has been examined by Finance, Legal Department and Safeguarding Department and the content does not give rise to any legal, financial or operational concerns for Northumbria Police.

4. KEY OUTCOMES

- 4.1 To contribute to the national response to the issue of Modern Slavery.

5. CONSIDERATIONS

Report Exemption	<i>Non-exempt</i>
Consultation	
Consultation has taken place Nationally with all forces, ROCU's and OPCC's office.	
Resources	
There is no resource or financial implications.	
Code of Ethics	
No implications.	
Equality	
No implications.	
Legal	
There are no legal implications.	
Risk	
There is no identified risk associated with signing the agreement.	
Communication	
Internal communication is ongoing.	
Evaluation	
Responsibility of the lead force.	