



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DECISION: 24/2024	DATE: 2 OCTOBER 2024
TITLE: DIGITAL FINGERPRINT CAPABILITY	
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Executive Summary

The purpose of the Memorandum of Agreement is to agree the methodology for the deployment of the Digital Fingerprint Capability (DFC) to the force by Police Digital Services.

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to authorise the Chief Executive to sign the Memorandum of Agreement in relation to the Digital Fingerprint Capability.

PART II

1. Background and Advice

The PDS Digital Fingerprint Capability was agreed by the Constabulary's Chief Officer Team in February 2024 and Lancashire have a 'start date' date of 15th of July with deployment approx. 4 months later. Training is to be delivered to the Fingerprint Bureau and CSI from 16th-27th of September.

The purpose of the Memorandum of Agreement is to agree the methodology for the deployment of the Digital Fingerprint Capability (DFC) to the force by Police Digital Services. The agreement covers both support to the deployment and initial support phases of the digital fingerprint capability and covers aspects including responsibilities of both partners, IPR, data protection & confidentiality and dispute resolution.

The document also provides detail of the obligations for both partners relating to the Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability of data stored and processed in the PDS Xchange

Authorisation from each Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner is required to allow the Chief Constable of Cambridge, Nick Dean to enter into the Data Processing Contract (DPC) on the behalf of each Chief Constable/Commissioner with PDS to provide the Xchange/DFC to each force. The requirement to appoint an agent in these circumstances has been identified recently following the provision of Data Protection legal advice to the NPCC and the authorisation allows CC Dean and his successors to continue to enter into Data Processing Contracts relating to Xchange on the behalf of the other Chiefs/Commissioners without the need for them to sign further authorisations or DPCs.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The fingerprint capability will enable policing to deliver against key ambitions set out in the National Policing Digital Strategy, including: "Addressing Harm" through faster and more precise identification of suspects.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The documents have been shared with legal, DPIA and Information Security. Although there may be risks in that the DFC includes the transfer & storage of data, this risk is owned nationally by PDS & NPCC.

5. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

None

