

DIP Police Strategic Leads Meeting

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Reducing Reoffending Unit

A decorative graphic consisting of a thick, solid purple curved band that starts from the bottom left and curves towards the top right. A thinner, light blue curved band with a fine grid pattern overlaps the purple band, also curving from the bottom left towards the top right.

Drug Testing Update (1)

National 'switch-on' of drug testing



April 2011 - authorisation to test extended across England & Wales.

More freedom, less bureaucracy:

- Police can transfer testing between sites without informing HO
- New areas can introduce testing without HO permission

Drug Testing Update (2)

National 'switch-on'

Lot of interest – areas considering self-funded testing:

Abingdon	Margate
Avon & Somerset	Merthyr Tydfil
Aylesbury	Milton Keynes
Banbury	Norfolk
Burnley	Preston
Cheshire	South Tyneside
Durham	Stoke
Gloucestershire	Surrey
Harrow	Telford
Havering	Worcestershire

Flexibility about operations / costs

Support available


Home Office



DRUG INTERVENTIONS PROGRAMME (DIP)

INTRODUCING LOCALLY FUNDED
DRUG TESTING ON ARREST (AND
ASSOCIATED INTERVENTIONS)

A GOOD PRACTICE GUIDE

April 2011

Drug Testing Update (3)
Drug Testing Supplier



New contract – Autumn 2011

No operational changes / minor change to equipment

Transition / stock



Police Strategic Lead – Network (1)

What?

Increased mutual support between police forces

Why?

Greater local discretion

Less direction from centre (and capacity)

Share expertise/ good practice

Raise issues



Police Strategic Lead – Network (2)

How?

Meetings – PSLs to prompt / host / set agenda

Ongoing support between forces



Targeted Drug Testing (1)

What?

Local discretion about which individuals are tested

Reduce overall volume of trigger offence tests

No central targets

Change to policy not
legislation

Targeted Drug Testing (2)

Why?

Target drug misusing offenders

Do not test those who aren't

Reduced bureaucracy e.g. DT1

Reduced costs:

- local budgets under PCCs
- demonstrate cost effectiveness

Targeted Drug Testing (3)

Progress to date?

Pilot areas:

- 3 London Boroughs
- Leeds, Northants, Birmingham (and others?)

Targeted testing principles paper

Home Office drug testing 'consumables'
model

Targeted Drug Testing (4)

Thoughts...

Approaches can be adapted to local needs – no perfect model

Clarity needed in custody

Helps if local systems / I.T. support the approach

May not be right for some areas

