

# 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  
Avon & Somerset  
Aylesbury  
Banbury  
Burnley  
Cheshire  
Durham  
Gloucestershire  
Harrow  
Havering

Margate  
Merthyr Tydfil  
Milton Keynes  
Norfolk  
Preston  
South Tyneside  
Stoke  
Surrey  
Telford  
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

