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# Standard Operating Procedures Guide for Multi-Agency Airwave Interoperability

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## Summary

This circular provides guidance to Services on the development and implementation of Standard Operating Procedures Guide for Multi-Agency Airwave Interoperability

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### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This circular gives access to the “Standard Operating Procedures Guide for Multi-Agency Airwave Interoperability”. This is the document from which each Service will create and implement their own individual protocols and procedures for multi-agency Airwave interoperability consistent with the national standards.
- 1.2 Airwave is currently available to all Ambulance NHS Trusts, Fire and Rescue Services and Police Forces and the document aims to instil national consistency in order to maximise the benefits, which the investment in Airwave offers.
- 1.3 Success will ultimately be measured through the revision of policy, its demonstration at multi agency exercises and overall operational usage. Implementation will require a champion from your Service, at a senior level, who has the authority to manage the change required to procedures and policies. To ensure consistency across the Services and between regions, this will be coordinated through your Local Resilience Forum.
- 1.4 It is important to emphasise that whilst all three Services will have anticipated the move to interoperable radio communications using Airwave and the burden should not be too onerous, the impact on each of meeting the training requirements will be different; with some more able to complete the task quicker than others. The same will be true when training and exercising are extended to include the broader Airwave user community. Thus, at the local level, collaboration is essential to make sure implementation can be achieved at a pace that is mutually acceptable to all the partners.

### 2.0 Further information

- 2.1 This publication from the Multi Agency Interoperability Programme can be downloaded from the NPIA website at;

<http://www.npia.police.uk/en/15946.htm>

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