

INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ACPO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY:

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The purpose of the review is to identify options and make recommendations on the future of ACPO's operational activity¹, including PNICC but excluding ACPO (TAM).

The review should identify and assess ACPO's operational activity and make recommendations on future location, management and governance. It should take into account the potential for synergies with similar activities undertaken by the police and the wider response community.

The review will take account of work already undertaken by ACPO and HMIC, and will involve the police service, the Home Office and other Government Departments, as appropriate. PNICC and ACPO (TAM) aside, the urgent first stage in the review will be to agree the ACPO operational activities in scope.

A key element will be a review of PNICC. In this respect the review will:

- Consider the current effectiveness of PNICC
- Consider the critical elements of a national coordination function for the police service in dealing with a range of significant local, regional or national events, incidents and emergencies, both in planning and in providing a crisis response, including consideration of a possible national mobilisation centre
- Consider the need for an effective coordinated response to international events involving UK residents
- Consider the need to coordinate effectively with existing arrangements to respond to terrorist incidents
- Consider the existing arrangements in place within other emergency services, both as a comparator, and in terms of coordination
- Consider the response needed against national requirements, including those set out in the National Risk Assessment and National Resilience Planning Assumptions
- Consider the effectiveness of this function in supporting the Strategic Policing Requirement in the future for government, Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables, including powers of decision
- Consider the need for the coordination function to link effectively with, and support, cross Government and central Government resilience and response arrangements
- Consider the infrastructure and resources needed to deal with different responses, against a range of scenarios, which are affordable within existing police budgets.

¹Whilst not constraining the review, examples of relevant operational activity include NaBIS, AVCIS, NWCUC, ACRO, UKDVI and NDORS.