

DIP Police Strategic Leads Meeting

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Chris Witt Reducing Reoffending Unit

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'

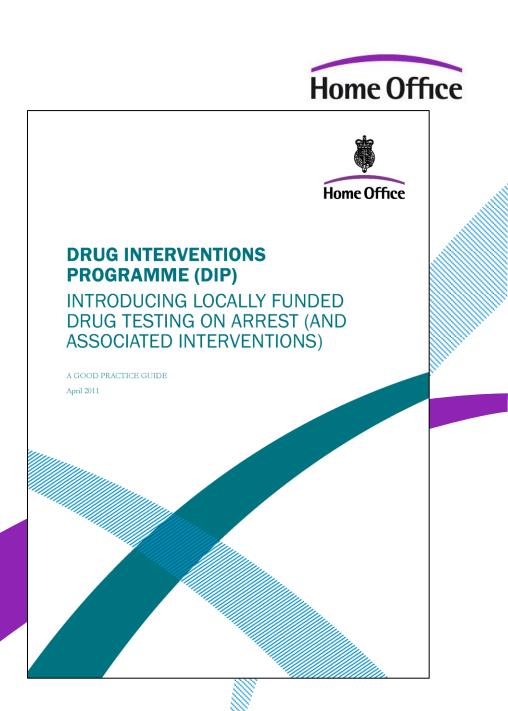
Lot of interest – areas considering self-funded testing:

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



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

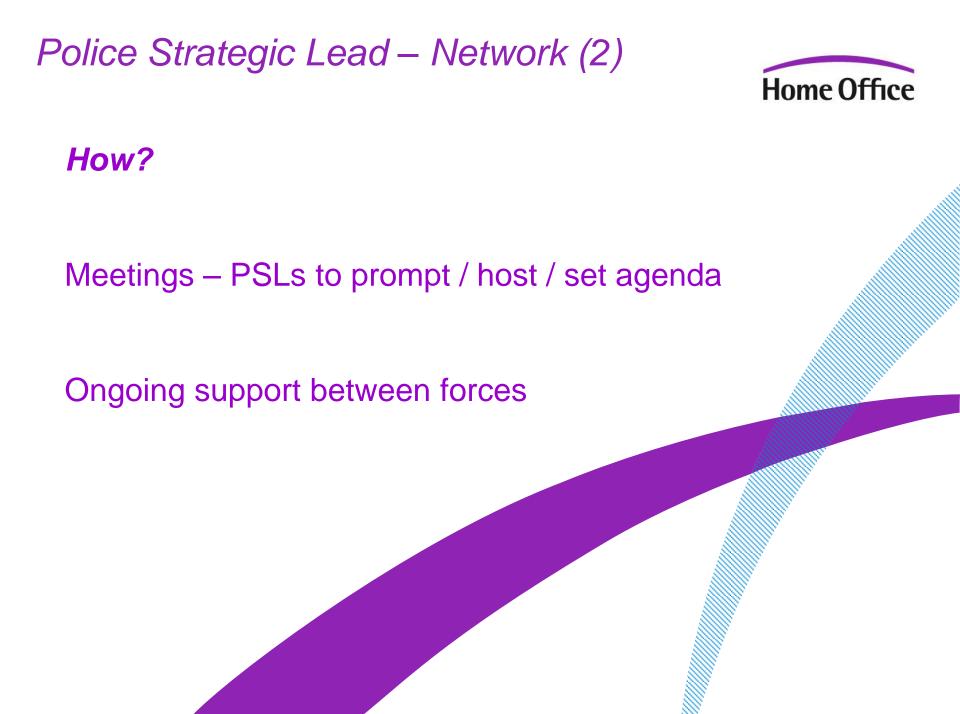
Why?

Greater local discretion

Less direction from centre (and capacity)

Share expertise/ good practice

Raise issues







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