

MOD Police – new operational policing model trials

Lines to Take/Key Messages - for external use (eg media) and wider use across the defence estate (eg announcements on DefenceNet etc)

- Members of the public and Defence communities will see increased levels of MOD Police (MDP) activity over the next two months (mid-August to mid-October) around the garrison areas of Aldershot, from Arborfield in the north to Bordon in the south. The activity will take the form of extra vehicle patrols, as well as MOD police officers deployed on foot patrol around the Service Family Accommodation (SFA) areas.
- The activity is part of a series of trials taking place to test and evaluate the benefits of dedicated policing on parts of the Defence estate, including wider Defence communities such as SFA areas. One of the principal aims will be to measure the level of police-focused reassurance which might be provided in those communities at a time of heightened threat.
- This is not in response to any specific threat. Aldershot has been chosen because it is a busy military environment with a number of military and MOD establishments, and a large Defence community. It is an ideal area to test how MDP policing resources could be used to best effect across a wide geographical area.
- The MOD values its wider communities and this trial is a way to establish how protective resources can be most effectively deployed. MOD Police would welcome any comments or suggestion from our military or Defence families and would encourage people to interact with patrolling officers and exchange a friendly word.
- It should be stressed that the MDP trial patrols and other policing activity planned for the period are in no way a replacement for the Royal Military Police and indeed the two police services will continue to work closely together on joint community initiatives.
- If you have any concerns or wish to draw our attention to an issue you think relevant to our plans, please call us on [REDACTED]. You will also see us featured in the Garrison newsletter and on Aldershot FM radio.
- The data gathered from the trials will be assessed as part of a review of how a different and more flexible model of MDP policing could be best implemented across the country.
- *During the trial there will be no change to the policing primacy of the local police forces for the area, nor to the normal policing service they provide to all the local communities involved. Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Police are aware of the trial and will continue to liaise with MDP on appropriate occasions, as they routinely do.*

[REDACTED]
Corporate Communications / Press Office
6 August 2015