

Draft DBR Lines to Take : the new MDP footprint

- Following our review of policing in the MOD, a new footprint has been set for the MOD Police, reflecting a refreshed profiling of security, threat, and risk
- Some prudent savings have been made, and the Force has reduced in size, but we are satisfied that MDP assets and its unique specialist policing skills are now better targeted towards the current needs of the Department.
- The Force, though smaller, still requires nearly 200 new recruits to reach full strength. It is a tribute to serving officers that, despite the shortfall, they are still meeting all required taskings in full, to ensure the highest standards of security.
- We will continue to safeguard Defence sites, people, assets and information and would never contemplate changes that would place these in jeopardy. In particular, we will fully safeguard security at our nuclear facilities.

Q&A

When will the Force be up to full strength?

We expect the Force to reach full complement by July 2015. The current recruitment campaign is on target.

Is the recruitment campaign aimed at police officers from other forces?

In part, but recruits looking for their first job are also being targeted, as well as ex-military who are seen as particularly suitable. All successful applicants are fully trained at MDP HQ in Essex.

Surely with a shortfall of 200 officers, security gaps have been appearing?

Across the Force, flexible mobility of resource and the use of overtime is ensuring that at no time are security standards being compromised.

Will the recruitment campaign close when the full strength figure is reached?

No, it will continue. We want to see a younger demographic profile across the Force, and a significant level of recruitment will continue well past 2015.

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