STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROBATION CHIEF OFFICER GRADES GUIDE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW PAY AND GRADING STRUCTURE AND REVIEW OF SALARIES IN 2006 AND 2007

1. Introduction

This document has been agreed jointly by the Employers and Trade Unions to provide detailed guidance on the implementation of the new Standing Committee for Probation Chief Officer Grades national agreement on pay and conditions of service. It covers:

- a) Assimilation arrangements for the implementation of the new pay and grading structure from 1 April 2006 together with the associated salary review provisions.
- b) Salary review provisions from 1 April 2007.

2. Pay and Grading Assimilation and Salary Review Arrangements - 2006/07

The step by step process for assimilation and review of salaries on **1** April **2006** is as follows:

Step 1

London Fringe Allowances and recruitment & retention payments that are in existence at 31 March 2006 and are paid through the salary spine should be identified, removed from the spine and paid as a supplement. Locally Awarded Recruitment and Retention Payments (LARRPS), Locally Awarded Payments (LAPS) and Excess Rates should not be removed.

For example: if current basic pay of £43,855 (pay point 180) on 31 March 2006 includes 4 pay points for recruitment and retention, relevant basic pay becomes £42,138 (pay point 176) plus a £1,717 pay supplement - which is equivalent to the former 4 pay points. The £1,717 pay supplement, which is pensionable, should continue to be paid for 3 years from 1 April 2006, after which it should cease.

Guidance on arrangements for the introduction of Geographical Supplements and for Market Forces Supplements will be published in due course.

Step 2

The equivalent new pay point for relevant basic pay should be identified (Annex A1).

For example: if relevant basic pay on 31 March 2006 is £42,138, on the former pay point 176, the new pay point becomes SC11.

Step 3The results of job evaluation should be applied, referring to pay band ranges for job evaluation assimilation purposes as follows, (Annex A1):

Pay Band	Α	В	С	D
Minimum	£38,910	£42,561	£51,428	£59,712
New Pay Point	SC3	SC12	SC31	SC46
Development Point	£46,104	£55,142	£61,525	£75,069
New Pay Point	SC20	SC38	SC49	SC69
Maximum	£49,420	£59,121	£67,282	£82,096
New Pay Point	SC27	SC45	SC58	SC78

Where basic pay on 31 March 2006 is below the minimum of the pay band to which the post has been assessed by job evaluation, basic pay should be increased from 1 April 2006 to the minimum of the relevant pay band.

<u>For example</u>: if current relevant basic pay is £40,890 on 31 March 2006, and the post is assessed by job evaluation as falling within pay band B, basic pay should be increased to the minimum of Pay Band B: £42,561 (pay point SC12).

Where basic pay before assimilation is between the minimum and maximum of the pay band to which the post has been assessed by job evaluation, employees should move to the equivalent pay point in the new pay band.

<u>For example</u>: if current relevant basic pay is £43,420 on 31 March 2006 (former pay point 179), and the post is assessed by job evaluation as pay band B, the employee should remain on basic pay of £43,420 (pay point SC14).

In a minority of cases basic pay on 31 March 2006 before assimilation will be above the maximum of the pay band to which the post has been assessed by job evaluation. In these cases, pay protection will apply (see Section 4 below).

<u>For example</u>: if current relevant basic pay is £60,309, and the post is evaluated as pay band B, this is above the maximum for this pay band of SC45 (£59,121). In such circumstances, the protection provisions, as detailed below in Section 4, should be applied.

Step 4

Pay progression should be applied as follows for 1 April 2006.

Employees should progress between pay band minimum and maximum at the rate of 4 pay points.

<u>For example</u>: if an individual is on pay point SC18 (£45,194) after the post has been assessed by job evaluation as pay band B, he/she should progress by 4 pay points to pay point SC22 (£47,029).

There should be no progression beyond the maximum of the pay band.

<u>For example</u>: if an individual is on pay point SC25 (£48,447) after the post has been assessed by job evaluation as pay band A, he/she should progress by 2 pay points to pay point SC27 (£49,420 – maximum of pay band A).

<u>For example:</u> if an individual is on pay point SC48 (£60,906) after the post has been assessed by job evaluation as pay band B, he/she would be above the maximum of pay band B (SC45: £59,121). In such circumstances no progression would be applicable.

Note: Many employees will have already received progression payments in April 2006 and such payments should not, therefore, be made twice. Where the provisions of this paragraph are more advantageous to staff in cash terms a further payment to make up any difference would be applicable. The implementation implications of this are that an individual is assimilated to the new grading structure, receives up to 4 pay points as pay progression less up to 3 pay points which may already have been paid under the former progression arrangements which were normally applicable on 1 April 2006.

Also, as a consequence of this agreement, as and from 1 April 2006 there is a common date for pay progression subject to the provisions applicable for employees with less than six months service on a Probation Chief Officer Grade.

Step 5

Performance Related Pay arrangements should continue to be paid to existing staff on a protected basis for three years from 1 April 2006. Staff appointed on or after 1 April 2006 would not qualify for Performance Related Pay.

For Standing Committee for Chief Officer Grades there is a facility for incremental progression related to performance, i.e. payments equivalent to the value of one, two, three or four increments may be awarded. Where three increments are awarded one will be automatically retained each year with the others to be re-earned. Where four increments are awarded, two will be retained and the others would need to be re-earned.

(Standing Committee for Chief Officer Grades Conditions of Service Handbook: Interim Document 1998.)

Boards would be expected to honour any contractual Performance Related Pay commitment already given in appointment letters to new appointees prior to the ratification of this agreement. This provision would be protected until 31 March 2009.

Where an individual reaches the maximum of their pay band, all performance related payments will be made on a non-consolidated but pensionable basis.

For example: an individual is on pay point SC47 (£60,309) after his/her post has been assessed by job evaluation as pay band B. This is above the maximum of the pay band (SC45 £59,121).

The individual is awarded four increments under the above protected Performance Related Pay arrangements. In such circumstances, a non-consolidated but pensionable payment of £2,450 would be made (pay point SC51 - £62,759 less SC47 - £60,309). However, no increase in basic pay would be applicable.

Step 6Revalorised pay bands for 1 April 2006 should be implemented as detailed in Annex A2.

Pay Band	Α	В	С	D
Minimum	£40,165	£43,943	£53,094	£61,648
Pay Point	SC6	SC15	SC34	SC49
Development Point	£46,196	£55,253	£61,648	£75,220
Pay Point	SC20	SC38	SC49	SC69
Maximum	£49,519	£59,240	£67,416	£82,260
Pay Point	SC27	SC45	SC58	SC78

<u>For example</u>: if a post has been assessed by job evaluation as pay band B with basic pay after progression of £44,737 (pay point SC17), this should be increased to £44,826 in accordance with Annex A2.

Step 7

London Allowance should be increased for qualifying full-time employees from £3,420 to £3,500 on 1 April 2006. Pro-rata payment should be made to part-time employees.

3. Salary Review Arrangements - 2007/08

The step by step process for review of salaries on **1 April 2007** is as follows:

Step 1

Any increase in Pay Band minimum should be implemented where the minimum of the pay band has been raised.

For example: Minimum pay band B as at 1 April 2006 is £43,943 (Annex A2). This minimum (pay point SC15) is improved to £47,123 (pay point SC 22) prior to revalorisation on 1 April 2007. This raising of pay point minimum takes place to reduce the length of the Pay Band range. (Subsequently, this salary is increased to £47,241 (pay point SC22) on 1 April 2007, as a consequence of revalorisation, see Step 4 below).

Step 2

Pay progression should be applied as follows for 1 April 2007. Employees will progress from pay point to pay point within the appropriate pay band (Annex A2) as follows:

Below Development Point	On and between Development Point and Maximum
Number of pay points	Number of pay points
3	2

For example: if an individual is on pay point SC23 (£47,589) on pay band B and is below the development point, he/she should progress by three pay points to pay point SC26 (£49,028).

<u>For example</u>: if an individual is on pay point SC38 (£55,253) on pay band B and is on the development point, he/she should progress by two pay points to pay point SC40 (£56,366).

For example: if an individual is on pay point SC41 (£56,920) on pay band B, above the development point, he/she should progress by two pay points to pay point SC43 (£58,075).

There should be no progression beyond the maximum of the pay band.

Step 3

Performance Related Pay arrangements should continue to be paid to existing staff on a protected basis for three years from 1 April 2006. Staff appointed on or after 1 April 2006 would not qualify for Performance Related Pay.

For Standing Committee for Chief Officer Grades there is a facility for incremental progression related to performance, i.e. payments equivalent to the value of one, two, three or four increments may be awarded. Where three increments are awarded one will be automatically retained each year with the others to be re-earned. Where four increments are awarded, two will be retained and the others would need to be re-earned.

(Standing Committee for Chief Officer Grades Conditions of Service Handbook: Interim Document 1998.)

Where an individual reaches the maximum of their pay band, all Performance Related Payments will be made on a non-consolidated but pensionable basis.

For example: an individual is on pay point SC29 (£50,512), on a protected basis, which is above the maximum of pay band A (SC27 £49,519).

The individual is awarded four increments under the above protected Performance Related Pay arrangements. In such circumstances, a non-consolidated but pensionable payment of £2,060 would be made (pay point SC33 [£52,572] less SC29 [£50,512]). However, no increase in basic pay would be applicable.

Step 4Revalorised pay bands for 1 April 2007 should be implemented as detailed in Annex A3.

Pay Band	Α	В	С	D
Minimum	£40,668	£47,241	£53,760	£63,661
Pay Point	SC7	SC22	SC35	SC52
Development Point	£46,312	£55,391	£62,411	£75,408
Pay Point	SC20	SC38	SC50	SC69
Maximum	£50,144	£59,981	£68,261	£83,294
Pay Point	SC28	SC46	SC59	SC79

<u>For example</u>: if a post is in pay band B with basic pay after progression of £48,066 (pay point SC24), this should be increased to £48,187 in accordance with Annex A3.

Step 5

London Allowance should be increased for qualifying full-time employees from £3,500 to £3,600 on 1 April 2007. Pro-rata payment should be made to part-time employees.

4. Pay Protection

Where as a consequence of the job evaluation review an employee's basic pay is above the maximum of the pay band to which the post has been assessed, 'mark time' arrangements should be applied. 'Mark time' is defined as the protection of an individual's basic pay in cash terms and not the protection of the pay point.

Any individual who is subject to these protection arrangements will not qualify for a consolidated pay increase, other than when the pay band maximum is revalorised, until such time as his/her basic pay becomes lower than the maximum of the pay band to which the post has been assessed.

In such circumstances existing employees prior to 1 April 2006 will still qualify for Performance Related Payments for 2006/2007, 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 but these will be paid on a non-consolidated but pensionable basis.

When an individual's basic pay covered by the 'mark-time' arrangements subsequently falls below an improved/revalorised pay band maximum, his/her basic pay should be aligned to the nearest higher pay point/pay band maximum on the applicable Standing Committee for Probation Chief Officer Grades salary spine. In these circumstances, an amount of performance related pay that is required to bring the individual's basic pay to the improved/revalorised pay band maximum should be paid on a consolidated basis with any residual performance related pay to be paid on a non-consolidated basis.

If an individual's basic pay is still above his/her pay band maximum on 31 March 2009, salary protection will cease and basic salary should be reduced to the appropriate pay band maximum. However, before this date every reasonable effort should be made to redeploy any affected individual into a suitable alternative post commensurate with his/her salary. Alternatively, consideration may be given to job redesign so that the post may be reclassified, within the job evaluation scheme, to a pay band commensurate with salary.

'Deputy Chief Probation Officers'

Within the provisions of the Standing Committee for Probation Chief Officer Grades Conditions of Service Handbook Interim Document (April 1998), particular salary arrangements are detailed in Section 3 for Deputy Chief Probation Officers (and similarly designated posts) as follows:

'Deputy Chief Probation Officers are to be remunerated at 75%* of the Chief Probation Officer's salary. This will therefore require a scale which has a minimum and maximum calculated at 75% of the Chief Probation Officer's minimum and maximum. Where updating of population and number of indictable cases figures would result in a lower salary than the existing one, for so long as the deputy chief officer remains employed by the same probation committee he/she shall be entitled to retain his or her existing salary to receive the benefit of any increases which may be negotiated.'

* Some existing arrangements may be at other percentages and may also apply to other than Deputy Chief Probation Officers.

Where the foregoing provisions are more favourable to a Deputy Chief Officer than what would be applicable under this document, then the particular salary arrangements as detailed above will continue to apply on a protected basis for a period of 3 years from 1 April 2006. Where the individual's basic pay is above the relevant maximum for the pay band concerned, all payments, including both progression and performance related pay that result from this particular protection arrangement should be paid on a non-consolidated but pensionable basis. When an individual's basic pay covered by these arrangements subsequently falls below an improved/revalorised pay band maximum, their basic pay should be aligned to the nearest higher pay point on the PCOG salary spine.

5. Joint Secretaries

In the event of further issues arising in respect of Assimilation and Review of Salaries, the matter(s) should be referred to the Joint Secretaries.

ANNEX A1

PCOG Salary Spine with effect from 1 April 2005

	As at 31/03/06		Salary	Salary Spine before revalorisation (2006-07)			
Current Pay Point	Current Salary Value	New Pay Point		Pay Bands			
			Α	В	С	D	
168	£38,910	SC3	£38,910				
169	£39,298	SC4	£39,298				
170	£39,693	SC5	£39,693				
171	£40,085	SC6	£40,085				
172	£40,486	SC7	£40,486				
173	£40,890	SC8	£40,890				
174	£41,301	SC9	£41,301				
175	£41,718	SC10	£41,718				
176	£42,138	SC11	£42,138				
177	£42,561	SC12	£42,561	£42,561			
178	£42,984	SC13	£42,984	£42,984			
179	£43,420	SC14	£43,420				
180	£43,855	SC15	£43,855				
181	£44,301	SC16	£44,301	£44,301			
182	£44,737	SC17	£44,737	£44,737			
183	£45,194	SC18	£45,194	£45,194			
184	£45,643	SC19	£45,643				
185	£46,104	SC20	£46,104				
186	£46,562	SC21	£46,562				
187	£47,029	SC22	£47,029				
188	£47,494	SC23	£47,494				
189	£47,970	SC24	£47,970				
190	£48,447	SC25	£48,447	1			
191	£48,930	SC26	£48,930				
192	£49,420	SC27	£49,420	£49,420			
193	£49,919	SC28		£49,919			
194	£50,412	SC29		£50,412			
195	£50,917	SC30		£50,917			
196	£51,428	SC31		£51,428	£51,428		
197	£51,937	SC32		£51,937	£51,937		
198	£52,467	SC33		£52,467	£52,467		
199	£52,989	SC34		£52,989	£52,989		
200	£53,519	SC35		£53,519	£53,519		
201	£54,050	SC36		£54,050	£54,050		
202	£54,596	SC37		£54,596	£54,596		
203	£55,142	SC38		£55,142	£55,142		
204	£55,685	SC39		£55,685	£55,685		
205	£56,254	SC40		£56,254	£56,254		
206	£56,807	SC41		£56,807	£56,807		
207	£57,381	SC42		£57,381	£57,381		
208	£57,959	SC43		£57,959	£57,959		

209	£58,534	SC44		£58,534	£58,534	
210	£59,121	SC45		£59,121	£59,121	
211	£59,712	SC46			£59,712	£59,712
212	£60,309	SC47			£60,309	£60,309
213	£60,906	SC48			£60,906	£60,906
214	£61,525	SC49			£61,525	£61,525
215	£62,131	SC50			£62,131	£62,131
216	£62,759	SC51			£62,759	£62,759
217	£63,375	SC52			£63,375	£63,375
218	£64,013	SC53			£64,013	£64,013
219	£64,651	SC54			£64,651	£64,651
220	£65,305	SC55			£65,305	£65,305
221	£65,959	SC56			£65,959	£65,959
222	£66,612	SC57			£66,612	£66,612
223	£67,282	SC58			£67,282	£67,282
224	£67,954	SC59				£67,954
225	£68,630	SC60				£68,630
226	£69,325	SC61				£69,325
227	£70,017	SC62				£70,017
228	£70,714	SC63				£70,714
229	£71,422	SC64				£71,422
230	£72,136	SC65				£72,136
231	£72,852	SC66				£72,852
232	£73,585	SC67				£73,585
233	£74,318	SC68				£74,318
234	£75,069	SC69				£75,069
235	£75,808	SC70				£75,808
236	£76,569	SC71				£76,569
237	£77,331	SC72				£77,331
238	£78,107	SC73				£78,107
239	£78,891	SC74				£78,891
240	£79,683	SC75				£79,683
241	£80,476	SC76				£80,476
242	£81,281	SC77				£81,281
243	£82,096	SC78				£82,096

PCOG Salary Spine as at 1 April 2006

	Salary	Salary Spine Revalorised (2006-07)					
Pay			•				
Point		Pay Bands					
	Α	В	С	D			
SC3							
SC4							
SC5							
SC6	£40,165						
SC7	£40,567						
SC8	£40,972						
SC9	£41,383						
SC10	£41,801						
SC11	£42,222						
SC12	£42,646						
SC13	£43,070						
SC14	£43,507						
SC15	£43,943	£43,943					
SC16	£44,389	£44,389					
SC17	£44,826	£44,826					
SC18	£45,285	£45,285					
SC19	£45,734	£45,734					
SC20	£46,196	£46,196					
SC21	£46,655	£46,655					
SC22	£47,123	£47,123					
SC23	£47,589	£47,589					
SC24	£48,066	£48,066					
SC25	£48,544	£48,544					
SC26	£49,028	£49,028					
SC27	£49,519	£49,519					
SC28		£50,019					
SC29		£50,512					
SC30		£51,019					
SC31		£51,531					
SC32		£52,041					
SC33		£52,572					
SC34		£53,094	£53,094				
SC35		£53,626	£53,626				
SC36		£54,158	£54,158				
SC37		£54,705	£54,705				
SC38		£55,253	£55,253				
SC39		£55,797	£55,797				
SC40		£56,366	£56,366				
SC41		£56,920	£56,920				
SC42		£57,496	£57,496				
SC43		£58,075	£58,075				
SC44		£58,651	£58,651				
SC45		£59,240	£59,240				

SC46		£59,831	
SC47		£60,429	
SC48		£61,027	
SC49		£61,648	£61,648
SC50		£62,255	£62,255
SC51		£62,885	£62,885
SC52		£63,502	£63,502
SC53		£64,141	£64,141
SC54		£64,780	£64,780
SC55		£65,435	£65,435
SC56		£66,090	£66,090
SC57		£66,745	£66,745
SC58		£67,416	£67,416
SC59			£68,090
SC60			£68,767
SC61			£69,464
SC62			£70,157
SC63			£70,856
SC64			£71,565
SC65			£72,280
SC66			£72,998
SC67			£73,732
SC68			£74,466
SC69			£75,220
SC70			£75,960
SC71			£76,723
SC72			£77,485
SC73			£78,264
SC74			£79,048
SC75			£79,843
SC76			£80,637
SC77			£81,444
SC78			£82,260

PCOG Salary Spine as at 1 April 2007

	Salary	Salary Spine Revalorised (2007-08)					
Pay							
Point		Pay Bands					
	Α	В	С	D			
SC3							
SC4							
SC5							
SC6							
SC7	£40,668						
SC8	£41,074						
SC9	£41,487						
SC10	£41,905						
SC11	£42,327						
SC12	£42,752						
SC13	£43,178						
SC14	£43,615						
SC15	£44,053						
SC16	£44,500						
SC17	£44,938						
SC18	£45,398						
SC19	£45,849						
SC20	£46,312						
SC21	£46,772						
SC22	£47,241	£47,241					
SC23	£47,707	£47,707					
SC24	£48,187	£48,187					
SC25	£48,666	£48,666					
SC26	£49,151	£49,151					
SC27	£49,643	£49,643					
SC28	£50,144	£50,144					
SC29		£50,639					
SC30		£51,146					
SC31		£51,660					
SC32		£52,171					
SC33		£52,704					
SC34		£53,227					
SC35		£53,760	£53,760				
SC36		£54,293	£54,293				
SC37		£54,842	£54,842				
SC38		£55,391	£55,391				
SC39		£55,936	£55,936				
SC40		£56,507	£56,507				
SC41		£57,062	£57,062				
SC42		£57,640	£57,640				
SC43		£58,220	£58,220				
SC44		£58,798	£58,798				
SC45		£59,388	£59,388				

SC46	£59,981	£59,981	
SC47	,	£60,580	
SC48		£61,180	
SC49		£61,802	
SC50		£62,411	
SC51		£63,042	
SC52		£63,661	£63,661
SC53		£64,302	£64,302
SC54		£64,942	£64,942
SC55		£65,599	£65,599
SC56		£66,256	£66,256
SC57		£66,912	£66,912
SC58		£67,585	£67,585
SC59		£68,261	£68,261
SC60			£68,939
SC61			£69,637
SC62			£70,332
SC63			£71,033
SC64			£71,744
SC65			£72,461
SC66			£73,181
SC67			£73,917
SC68			£74,653
SC69			£75,408
SC70			£76,150
SC71			£76,914
SC72			£77,679
SC73			£78,459
SC74			£79,246
SC75			£80,042
SC76			£80,838
SC77			£81,647
SC78			£82,466
SC79			£83,294