

## FIND Strategy Board - workshop

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# Open Minutes of Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
10.30-14.30

Present:

## CORE MEMBERS

ORGANISATION	MEMBER
NPCC	ACC Ben Snuggs (BS)
Home Office, representing the Home Secretary	Alex MacDonald (AMcD)
Association of Police and Crime Commissioners	Rachel Goodwin (RG)

## APPOINTED MEMBERS (as set out in the Governance Rules)

ORGANISATION	MEMBER
Commissioner of the Retention & Use of Biometric material	Paul Wiles (PW)
Commissioner of the Retention & Use of Biometric material representative	Lucy Bradshaw-Murrow (LB-M)
Forensic Science Regulator representative	Gillian Tully (GT)
Biometric and Forensic Ethics Group representative	Tom Sorell (TS)
Information Commissioner's Office	Meagan Mirza (MM)

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### APPOINTED MEMBERS

ORGANISATION	MEMBER
NPCC – CT Forensic Database representative	Leigh Williams (LW)
NPCC - Fingerprints	Karen Stringer (deputising) (KS)
NPCC – DNA	Emily Burton (EB)

### SECRETARIAT

Home Office Forensic Information Databases Service (FINDS)	Andrew Thomson (AT)
Home Office Forensic Information Databases Service (FINDS)	Caroline Goryll (CG)

### IN ATTENDANCE

ORGANISATION	MEMBER
Home Office, Interpol and International Biometric Exchange Team	Georgina Preston (GP)
Home Office, HOB Programme	Amy Morrell (AM)
Home Office	Carl Jennings (CJ)
Metropolitan Police	Shazia Khan (SK)
Transforming Forensics	Joanne Ashworth (JA)

### APOLOGIES:

ORGANISATION	MEMBER
APCC	Darryl Preston
NPCC – Homicide Working Group	Martin Bottomley

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Devolved Administration – Northern Ireland	Stephen Campbell
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### 1.0 Welcome and Introductions

BS welcomed everyone and outlined the aims of the day. The meeting was held in the format of an interactive workshop, the aims of the workshop were to look at governance, to develop a shared understanding of the current strategic landscape and strategic risks (both short and long term), and look at what the purpose of the Strategy Board is and its future programme of work.

### 2.0 Develop a shared understanding of the current strategic landscape and strategic context.

2.1 AMcD said that we are now operating in a very different political landscape. We are looking at what we need to do and how we are going to do it. We have the opportunity to challenge perceived constraints; it is the opportunity to have policy decisions from the Home Office. He said they are looking at how we can deliver the manifesto commitment to empower the police within a strict legal framework.

1st board exercise for workshop participants to identify what is on the current strategy landscape and what is coming in the future (split into short, medium and long term).

Following the exercise outcomes were discussed. It was agreed that the people strand all the way through the 3 time frames had been overlooked - with automation we need to make sure we aren't losing peoples skills and expertise; need to make sure we maintain people's skills.

It was identified that the real lack of data protection expertise in force needs to be addressed.

### 3.0 Purpose of the Strategy Board, now future and gaps.

3.1 AMcD & BS gave an overview of the purpose of the Strategy Board and outlined the governance rules. AMcD said it would be impossible for the needs of everyone to be met through one single Strategy Board. The Home Office can spend money, legislate and meet people to communicate. He said going forward we need to identify strategic gaps to see how they can legislate to meet these gaps. The future role of the Strategy Board and who should be members were discussed and also its interaction with the NPCC DNA Operations Group

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### 4.0 Future Programme of work

4.1 BS introduced the next discussion on what the future programme of work should be; this was split into what is currently in the Strategy Boards gift and what is in its future influence. BS said that this would be taken away and added to the agenda for the coming meetings. He asked with the influence how we would ensure that these are taken forward.

### 5.0 Summary and next steps

5.1 BS thanked everyone for their contributions for the day and acknowledged how valuable they had been. He also thanked MM for her contribution to the Board as ICO representative over the last 10 years.

### 6.0 FINDS business

6.1 0120/01 – Previous minutes – these were agreed.

6.2 012/02 Action list - BS took the group through the action list.

27/17 - Chair to escalate the concerns with the security of the NDNAD. GT said that discussions had been had with DDAT but that she felt that the need for additional external scrutiny was important. We need to ensure that the programme platform is correct.

**New Action - 01/20 BS to provide external scrutiny of the concerns around NDNAD security. GT to provide BS with a list of relevant people this should be raised to.**

13/18 – Information on the reduction in sampling & VAs. It was proposed to close this action following presentation at the last Board but PW said we need to ensure that they do feedback to this Board.

05/19 Concerns over the veracity of the data obtained on FP's. AM provided an update. Given the current contractual position and change of IDENT1 supplier, no work can commence on the system until at least October 2020 when the new supplier takes over. PW raised concerns that that leaves the Board blindsided on Fingerprint activity. The mechanism for ensuring the Strategy Boards fingerprint MI requirements are captured was discussed.

**New Action - 02/20 BS to liaise with CC and Rachel Swan to raise a request for change to the fingerprint MI provision to the fingerprint Board.**

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07/19 Genealogical databases guidance – CG updated that MB has drafted this guidance and it has been circulated to the Ethics group and FINDS. CG to circulate to Board members.

11/19 – case from livescan pilot. AM confirmed that biometrics have now been taken – close action.

17/19 – Advice for ministers on Genealogical databases. GT said that Eurofins had published a study on the use of the American Genealogical databases and it had been discussed at the last FSAC meeting. Eurofins would like to understand the process for decision making regarding use (or not) of genealogical databases.

**New Action - 03/20 GT convene the relevant parties, including BFEG, policing and Home Office policy officials to facilitate decision making.**

18/19 VAs – AM said that HOB have started a discussion around the business needs for capturing biometrics; the capturing of biometrics not from a fixed unit such as from VAs. They are understanding the business processes and requirements. PW said that there are 2 points:-

- i) Having the technical capability to take biometrics outside the custody suite
- ii) Having the legal power to take them.

AMcD said that a conversation needs to be had with the policing powers team about having a legal footing to take these VA samples.

**New Action - 04/20 CJ/AMcD to speak to policing powers unit about legal provision to take samples from VAs.**

26/19 – NPCC to obtain legal advice on MOD searching of IDENT 1 – LF said that this letter had been written and that a meeting was being held on January 22nd to discuss.