

THE POLICE CRIME & VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST:			
Title: Collaboration Agreement in relation to the Firearms Classification and Examination Laboratory (FCEL).			
Summary: The officers of PCC and Chief Constable of Durham and Cleveland have agreed to collaborate with each other in relation to the Firearms Classification and Examination Laboratory. The facility's purpose is to support the gathering of evidence in order to aid investigations in cases involving firearms. The operating model of the services will be carried out at the Armoury Facilities owned and operated by Durham Constabulary. The services will be conducted in accordance with systems, policies and procedures accredited to and in compliance with the Forensic Regulator Code of Practice and Conduct. The services will be carried out by an appropriately qualified staff member carrying out the position of technical manager and an appropriately qualified staff member carrying out the position of technical assistant. They will liaise with and be overseen by line management within the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit (CDSOU). The Commissioners wish to regulate this arrangement by entering into this Agreement. The full agreement is published on the OPCVC website.			
Decision: To agree and sign the proposed Section 22a collaboration agreement between the Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables for Cleveland and Durham in relation to the Firearms Classification and Examination Laboratory (FCEL).			
OPCC Lead Officer: Alan Reiss			
Contractor Details (if applicable):			
Implications:			
Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Consultation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

The FCEL will be part of the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit (CDSOU), the financial contribution and funding arrangements will be in accordance with terms of the CDSOU Agreement.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Collaboration Agreement pursuant to Section 22A Police Act 1996 which enables chief officers of police and local policing bodies as defined in the Act to make an agreement about the discharge of functions by officers and staff where it is in the interests of the efficiency or effectiveness of their own and other police force areas. In entering into this agreement the parties have taken account of the statutory guidance for police collaboration published by the Home Office in October 2012.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The offices of PCC and Chief Constable shall and shall procure that their officers, employees, agents and sub-contractors shall comply with any applicable anti-discrimination legislation including the Equality Act 2010, the Equality Act 2010 Code of Practice on Employment and the Equality Act 2010 Code of Practice on Equal Pay.

Human Rights Implications

No specific human rights implications

Sustainability Implications

No specific sustainability implications

Risk Management Implications

No specific risk management implications

Consultations

The PCCs and the Chief Constables of the two forces have been consulted, commented and expressed their support for the proposed agreement.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed:



Date: 21/02/2018

Police and Crime Commissioner:

Signed:



Date: 21/02/2018