

Invitation to the **Forensic Collaboration Conference**

NPIA Ryton Conference Centre,
Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry
Tuesday 16th June 2009



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Background

Collaboration in the forensic arena is closely interwoven with other collaborative initiatives in policing, most notably protective services. These can include ad-hoc local initiatives through to formal agreements between participating authorities.

Undertaking collaboration is challenging but can bring huge benefits to improve services. However, when combined with a drive to increase efficiencies it becomes even more difficult to achieve.

The NPIA Forensics21 Programme is hosting an ACPO-led one day collaboration conference to bring together forensic practitioners to understand the challenges facing forces and to share lessons learnt.

Aims of the day:

- ❖ Gain an understanding of what collaboration actually means
- ❖ Identify the benefits collaboration can bring
- ❖ Identify the barriers to collaboration
- ❖ Understand the key lessons learnt from past experiences
- ❖ Understand what support needs to be given to achieve successful collaboration.

Speakers

Chief Constable Chris Sims, the newly appointed Chief Constable of West Midlands Police and former Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police. Mr Sims is also the ACPO portfolio holder for Forensics.

Richard Johnson, Head of Joint Scientific Services for Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and lead on the successful collaboration between the two forces.

Caroline Fenner, Scientific Support Manager for North Wales Police. Caroline was joint head of North Wales and Cheshire Constabulary Scientific Support department's unique collaboration partnership.

Superintendent Gary Evans, in charge of Business Change and Programme Management for Dyfed-Powys Police and a member of the Southern Wales Collaboration Team.

Joanne Ashworth, NPIA Forensics21 Strategy Manager. Jo has been a forensic scientist for twenty years and has worked for the Forensic Science Service (FSS) within the Police Service

Gary Cairns, Programme Manager of the NPIA Mobile Information Programme (MIP). The programme is delivering 21st century mobile technology to frontline police officers and staff to increase efficiency.

Workshop discussions

A number of workshop themes will be developed to ensure continued debate around Forensic Collaboration.

These will include:

- ❖ If regional collaboration brings about efficiencies and greater effectiveness, are there services that could be undertaken on a national level?
- ❖ What new services will Scientific Support Units need to deliver to meet future policing needs?
- ❖ What new technologies and infrastructure will tomorrow's Scientific Support Unit require?

To book your place email:
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or call the Forensics21 Team on: 0208 358 5651

Please note places are limited to a maximum of three delegates per force and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

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Programme

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10.00 – 10.15 Refreshments and registration

10.15 – 10.20 Introduction & Welcome
Joanne Ashworth, NPIA Forensics21
Strategy Manager

10.20 – 10.35 Keynote address
Chief Constable Chris Sims, West
Midlands Police

**10.35 – 11.05 Bedfordshire/Hertfordshire
Collaboration lessons learnt**
Richard Johnson – Head of Joint
Scientific Services, Bedfordshire

11.05 – 11.35 NPIA Mobile Information Programme
Gary Cairns, MIP Programme Manager

11.35 – 11.50 Refreshment break

11.50 – 12.20 North Wales/ Cheshire Collaboration
Caroline Fenner, Scientific Support
Manager, North Wales Police

**12.20 – 12.50 Delivering collaboration – Southern
Wales Collaboration**
Superintendent Gary Evans, Head
of Business Change and Programme
Management, Dyfed-Powys Police

12.50 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 14.15 Workshops

14.15 – 14.45 Feedback on workshops

14.45 – 15.00 Plenary and close