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Police sign landmark deal with BT

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THAMES Valley Police has signed a landmark £37.4m deal with BT and two other forces.

The South East Police Shared Network Services Agreement will provide the Thames Valley, Hampshire and Surrey forces with a secure network to share information and improve efficiency through "connected policing".

The force said that the deal would enable them to make savings of up to 20 per cent and protect frontline services

Thames Valley Police chief constable, Sara Thornton, said: "In the current financial climate it is essential that

police forces look at alternative ways to reduce costs whilst protecting frontline policing.

"The SEPSNSA contract demonstrates that Thames Valley Police is a forward thinking force committed to working with partners to improve our service, increase efficiency and continue to reduce costs."

The agreement was signed by the police and crime commissioners (PCC) from each force.

The PCC for the Thames Valley, Anthony Stansfeld, said: "This is a great example of police forces using their combined purchasing power to deliver significant savings for their force and enabling opportunities for closer working in the future.

"The contract was awarded following a robust tender exercise which identified BT as the preferred supplier. I believe this contract demonstrates that Thames Valley Police, Hampshire Constabulary and Surrey Police are forward thinking forces who are working hard to find new and innovative ways to save money and increase efficiency."

BT will provide the forces with a secure Public Services Network (PSN) which will allow users to work from anywhere across the three regions instead of having to drive to key locations.



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