

# *intelligence handling*

## **INTELLIGENCE HANDLING IN PUBLIC SECTOR INVESTIGATIONS**

This one-day conference focuses on the handling of intelligence for investigative purposes and prevention of crime within the public sector.

The conference will look at the practical acquisition, storage and use of intelligence within the legal framework. The law around intelligence handling and recommendations from the Bichard Inquiry will be examined. The conference will focus on practical examples of pooling of intelligence across boundaries, illustrated by examples from national bodies and local authorities. This will also include the way in which private sector companies can assist in the collection and handling of intelligence.

Addresses will be given by professionals in intelligence handling and will include in-depth examination of the intelligence centres of the Department for Work and Pensions, London Team Against Fraud and the National Criminal Intelligence Service and their use to local authority investigations.

- Date:** Friday 18th March 2005
- Venue:** Local Government House Conference Centre,  
Smith Square,  
London SW1
- Who should attend:** Local Authority Auditors  
Fraud Managers  
Directors responsible for investigative services  
Benefit Investigators  
Trading Standard Investigators  
Legal Services



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## MORNING PROGRAMME

- 09.30 **Registration and Refreshments**
- 10:00 **Chair's Opening Remarks**  
Dr Robert Barr, Managing Consultant, Tribal Consultancy
- 10.05 **Keynote Address – Intelligence Handling and the Recommendations from the Richard Inquiry**  
Stephen Webb, Head of Organised and Financial Crime, The Home Office
- 10:35 **Intelligence and Investigation**  
National Criminal Intelligence Service, Speaker to be confirmed  
The National Criminal Intelligence Service will become part of the Serious Organised Crime Agency in 2006. Its role is to gather, store and analyse information in order to provide criminal intelligence to police forces and other law enforcement agencies. In this address the NCIS examine the role of intelligence in investigation, the importance of intelligence sharing and legal intelligence use.
- 11.05 **Questions**
- 11.20 **Refreshment Break**
- 11.35 **Intelligence and the Law**  
Steven Philippsohn, Philippsohn, Crawford, Berwald Solicitors  
This address provides the framework for the legal handling of intelligence. The address will look at collection, sharing, storage and use of intelligence. It will advise on the use of intelligence as evidence and its veracity. The address will look at recent case law and how pitfalls can be avoided.
- 12.10 **Intelligence Gathering Services**  
Experian, Speaker to be confirmed  
Experian are the industry leader in the legal collection and handling of information. Experian have experience of supplying intelligence for investigation to many public sector bodies and local authorities. In this address Experian discuss their data collection and handling procedures and how intelligence from the private sector can assist investigators.
- 12:40 **Questions and Panel Discussion**
- 1.00 **Lunch**

## AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

### A Joined-up Approach to Intelligence

- 2.00 **1. Intelligence Sharing between Boroughs**  
Kevin McDonald, Acting Manager, London Team Against Fraud  
The London Team Against Fraud (LTAF) is creating a London-wide intelligence centre to assist London Boroughs. This address presents their work and looks at their procedures for intelligence handling and sharing, risk assessment and distribution.
- 2.30 **2. Intelligence across a National Structure**  
Richard Kitchen, Department for Work and Pensions  
Richard Kitchen will explain how the DWP intelligence centres work across local and national government and how it plans to integrate intelligence from diverse sources such as other government departments, partners, public and private sector. The address will look at the key issues of this joined-up approach; the advantages and procedures to ensure intelligence is handled and used in accordance with legislation.
- 3.00 **Questions**
- 3.10 **Gathering and Utilising Intelligence within a Local Authority**  
Speaker to be confirmed  
This address looks at the acquisition, storage, analysis and use of intelligence within a local authority. The session will examine the procedures and policies required to ensure correct and efficient data handling and to protect the veracity of intelligence that is to be used in criminal action.
- 3.40 **Questions and Panel Discussion**
- 3.55 **Chairs closing remarks**  
Dr Robert Barr, Managing Consultant, Tribal Consultancy
- 4.00 **Close**

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## CFG

The counter-fraud group (CFG) has been in existence since 1996. Initially set up as a small email distribution list to allow fraud investigators to exchange good practice and information, it now has over 400 members across local government and the private sector.

CFG works in partnership with other bodies such as Public Sector Strategies, The Kier Group, LGA, CIPFA and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners to aid fraud investigators through good practice guidance, information exchange and high quality training.

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"Excellent general view and discussion of issues"  
Data Protection Conference, 17 May 2004

"A well-organised conference. I found the presentations timely and useful"  
The Role of Prosecution Conference, 30 June 2004

"A professionally run conference with excellent speakers and an abundance of information and good ideas."  
The Role of Prosecution Conference, 30 June 2004

"I really enjoyed the event and was able to take something back from each of the sessions"  
Action after Fraud conference, 19 November 2004

"A very useful conference – I would attend similar conferences if available"  
Action after Fraud Conference, 19 November 2004

## Conference Objectives

- To look at the practical acquisition, storage and use of intelligence for investigations
- To provide the legal framework for intelligence handling for local authority investigations.
- To examine the impact of the Bichard Inquiry recommendations on local authority intelligence handling
- To examine practical examples of pooling of intelligence across boundaries, both locally and nationally
- To provide good practise case studies of investigative intelligence handling and use from local authorities and other bodies

## Speakers include:

- Stephen Webb, Head of Organised and Financial Crime, The Home Office
- Representative of the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS)
- Steven Philippsohn, Philippsohn, Crawford, Berwald Solicitors
- Kevin McDonald, London Team Against Fraud
- Richard Kitchen, Department for Work and Pensions

## Further Information

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