

# CLOSER WORKING AND MERGER OF CDRPS, DATS AND OTHER PARTNERSHIPS

## Working Towards Shared Outcomes

**Chaired by:** Cllr. Richard Grant, *Warwickshire County Council, Chair LGA Community Safety Panel*

The Police Reform White Paper (Policing a New Century) outlined the Government's aims of bringing DATs and CDRPs together. Arrangements for the integration of DATs and CDRPs in unitary and metropolitan authorities, and closer working in two tier authorities should now be finalised. This conference looks at the practical issues in implementation and achievement of shared outcomes. The conference will look at the Government expectations of authorities in relation to merger and closer working in the light of the next round of crime and disorder and drug strategy audits and the expectations for the CPA.

The conference will provide good practice illustration and focus on the roles of the merged agencies and the links to other bodies such as YOTs and the Local Strategic Partnership. In addition pilot work developed through the Innovations Forum with the Home Office will highlight the potential for greater target alignment and more streamlined and flexible funding.

**Date:** Monday 12th July 2004

**Venue:** Local Government House  
Conference Centre  
Smith Square  
London SW1

**Who should attend:** Members responsible for CDRP/DAT partnerships  
Chief Officers responsible for CDRP/DAT partnerships  
Chair and members of the CDRP  
DAT Chairs  
DAT Co-ordinators  
YOT Managers  
BCU Commanders  
Community Safety Officers

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### MORNING PROGRAMME

- 9:45 **Registration & Refreshments**
- 10:30 **Chair's Opening Remarks**  
Cllr Richard Grant, Warwickshire County Council, Chair LGA Community Safety Panel
- 10:35 **The Home Office objectives for CDRP/DAT Merger and Closer Working**  
David Truscott, Head of the Partnership Performance and Support, The Home Office  
The Home Office will set out their objectives for closer working and merger and look at whether the initial plans from authorities meet the Home Office's integration criteria. The Home Office will address concerns raised in the recent consultation exercise and look at Government objectives for partnership development.
- 11.00 **The Audit Commission: The expectations of merged working for CDRP/Drug Strategy Audits and CPA**  
Zoe Billingham, Director Criminal Justice and Community Safety, The Audit Commission  
The Audit Commission will outline their expectations of effective merger when appraising local authority performance and the effect on CDRP and Drug Strategy Audits and the CPA.
- 11.25 **Questions & Panel Discussion**
- 11.40 **Refreshment Break**
- 11.55 **Assisting Implementation: The Role of the Government Office**  
Margaret Geary, Government Office West Midlands  
The Government Office Drugs and Crime Teams have a key role in assisting authorities in the implementation of integration or closer working. This session will focus on the help available to partnerships and the role of the Government Office.
- 12.20 **Budgets & Bureaucracy**  
Mary Walker, Head of Policy and Equalities, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham  
London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham are part of the Home Office delivery project and are focusing on pooled budgets and reductions in bureaucracy. This address provides an insight into their findings.
- 12.45 **Questions and Panel Discussion**
- 1.00 **Lunch**

## AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

- 2.00 **Sharing Good Practice, Case Study 1**  
**A Unitary Authority: London Borough of Hackney**  
 Martin Davis, Head of Community Safety, London Borough of Hackney  
 This session looks at the integrated approach to service delivery in operation in Hackney. The London Borough of Hackney has brought together the Drugs Action Support Team, the Community Safety Team, the Domestic Violence and Racial Harassment Team and the CCTV and Emergency Planning Team into one unified service area. In tandem with this, and to provide an effective and focused response to public protection, the Hackney Safer Communities Partnership has adopted a holistic approach to co-ordinating strategic development and service implementation.
- 2.20 **Sharing Good Practice, Case Study 2**  
**South Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership**  
 David Wareing, Chief Executive Officer, Worcester City Council & Chair, South Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership  
 In April 2003 the three statutory CDRPs in South Worcestershire (Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon) merged to form a single Partnership. In this session the Chair of the new Partnership will explain the reasoning behind the merger, the practical issues in implementation and the benefits.
- 2.40 **Workshops**  
**Delegates may attend one case study for an in-depth look at the process of merger in a particular region:**
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| <b>1. Safe in Tees Valley Partnership</b>              | Facilitators:<br>Andy Errington, Manager, Safe in Tees Valley  |
| <b>2. Gloucestershire Community Safety Partnership</b> | Phil Sullivan, Community Safety Manager, Stroud District Council   |
| <b>3. Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership</b>       | John Johnson, Community Safety Manager, Rochdale   |
| <b>4. Safer Communities Torbay</b>                     | Kirsty Passmore, Community Safety Manager, Torbay Council and Mike Wade, Modernisation Manager DAT, Torbay Council |
- 3.40 **Open Forum and Panel Discussion**  
 This session will commence with workshop leaders feeding back the main issues raised in their workshops to the full conference. This will lead on to an open forum for questions and discussion.
- 4.10 **Chairs closing remarks**
- 4:15 **Close (Refreshments will be available on departure)**

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## **Conference Objectives**

- To provide an overview of the Government's objectives following recent publication of guidance for closer working/merging of CDRPs and DATS
- To provide the view of the audit commission on evaluation of merged services for audits and the refreshed 2005/06 CPA framework
- To examine the extent of merger and closer working and the Home Office support through regional offices
- To share good practice in the formation of merged services and feedback from the Home Office delivery project
- To provide a forum to examine a chosen good practice case study in-depth

## **Speakers include:**

- David Truscott, Head of the Partnership Performance and Support Unit, the Home Office
- Zoe Billingham, Director of Criminal Justice and Community Safety, The Audit Commission
- Margaret Geary, Government Office of the West Midlands
- David Wareing, Chief Executive, Worcester City Council
- Mary Walker, Head of Policy & Equalities, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
- Martin Davis, Head of Community Safety, London Borough of Hackney

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