Artefact 8 – Forward Notification of new data types in LEDS – action 8,21,32

National Law Enforcement Data Programme:

For Information Document

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This Document has been written with the aim of providing an update on the current status of the National Law Enforcement Data Programme. It is to be circulated to members of the LEDS Open Space for information.

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1. This paper has been written to provide an update about questions posed during the Open Space workshops of 3 July and 4 October 2018.

Question

2. This paper deals with two questions: first would the Home Office ask Members for recommendations on the record keeping required for new data added to LEDS and secondly would it share a prioritised list of operational impact assessments for new LEDS data sets and capabilities and commit to giving early warning to this space if Automatic Facial Recognition (AFR) and other areas were intended to become part of the Law Enforcement Data Service (LEDS).

Response

3. The Home Office wishes to reassure Members that it does not intend to bring an Automatic Facial Recognition (AFR) capability into LEDS. It will ensure Members are notified if this position changes. NB. AFR is not the same as facial matching which currently exists on the PND. Facial matching will continue on LEDS.

4. The Home Office intends to notify if new data types as they are being considered for LEDS. The notification will be accompanied by a rationale for why those new data types are being considered and how (in outline) those data sets are to be used. Whilst, every effort will be undertaken to provide full details this may not be possible in all cases to protect operational sensitivities. As and when new data sets are added into the LEDS scope the Home Office will seek recommendations from Members on record keeping. [August 2019: New data sets on LEDS will also be subject to a DPIA.]

5. Following the completion of the re-planning exercise in Jan 2019 the HO will begin to share prioritised operational impact assessments for the new capabilities. These will drill down from the head line LEDS capabilities a provide a summary of what the capability is proposing, what will be different from existing capabilities, why it has been introduced and which law enforcement organisations are the intended users.

This discussion document has been written to advance the formulation of Policy. It is not intended to be a statement of Home Office policy or intention.