



Nottinghamshire

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner's response to the publication of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMIC) Working Together: A review of the arrangements for collaboration between the five East Midlands police forces, commissioned by the police and crime commissioners for the region.

The report can be found [here](#)

As per my statutory responsibility to prepare comments on any of HMIC's published reports, Section 55(5) of the 1996 Police Act, I acknowledge their conclusion that this is a critical point in the future of collaboration in the East Midlands, and that we as Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables will continue to take decisive action to continue to benefit from the advantages of joint working.

This review was commissioned by all the Police and Crime Commissioners of the East Midlands in July 2013: Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire. The purpose was *"to provide [the PCCs] with high-level assurance on the overall approach to collaboration between, and by, forces within the East Midlands policing region; by assessing current arrangements; by assessing what is being developed and by considering future possibilities."*

We welcome the recognition that the collaboration is 'ahead of its time' through a great vision and strong and cohesive leadership, being in operation since 2002, when the East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU) was established, which has been effective in helping us to jointly tackle key issues of serious and organised crime.

We are proud that the region was the first to increase capabilities in critical operational areas through joint working, producing an average saving of 20% from pre-collaboration costs. We also recognise that there is room for improved efficiency and effectiveness of the services we provide.

The report clearly identified that the collaboration focus should be maintained through a clear and integrated vision for the future policing arrangements for the region that will strengthen policing services in the East Midlands. This is important for all the Police and Crime Commissioners to set out how collaborated services will be configured, when they will be in place, and how and where there will be scope for different models with partners to ensure meeting legal frameworks.

There will be work across the region to develop plans for future collaboration activity with a detailed business plan, which sets out functions, costs and benefits of collaboration. There will also be further work to ensure that we truly integrate, rather than merely share services, this will require some difficult decisions, but there will be a commitment to ensure that every force will retain a local footprint and continue to build on the strengths for better policing services.

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We welcome the findings that collaboration arrangements between our police forces in the East Midlands has generated savings and will work together on future complex issues to secure sustainable policing for the East Midlands.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paddy Tipping". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

Paddy Tipping
Police and Crime Commissioner