



DECISION RECORD

Decision Record Number 140

This document records a decision taken by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, together with details of the advice he received prior to taking the decision.

Decision taken

To realign our contract with Cellmark to safeguard future Forensic Service Provision for the East Midlands region.

After due consideration it is proposed that the East Midlands Region deliver a financial realignment of the external forensic contract as follows:

- £155,000: contract valuation variation to address significant and increasing demand for Roads Traffic Toxicology Services, which currently delivers in excess of 85% positive outcomes (drug drive being in excess of 95% positive outcomes)
- £35,000; contract valuation variation that will meet the cost of specialist DNA services, a requirement of the Forensic Science Regulator and without which we will be unable to access DNA identifications arising from a significant volumes of mixed and partial profiles. This will impact most significantly on our more serious offences to include; Violent and Homicide, Sexual Offences and complex cold case reviews.
- £145,000; cash uplift to address the overarching pricing issues identified by the Marketplace Gold Group and required to deliver against national stabilisation work.

Details of advice taken

Professional operational, financial and legal advice has been sought to ensure the decision best supports frontline operational needs and represents value for money.

Stephen Mold
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
24th May 2019

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