

Leaked ACPO overtime report angers officers

The Police Federation has hit out at leaked ACPO proposals to slash overtime as a means of saving the police service millions of pounds a year.

According to reports in the national media, police chiefs sent a secret document to the Home Office suggesting that hundreds of millions of pounds could be saved by overhauling the regulations on overtime and eliminating so-called 'Spanish practices'.

ACPO believes frontline jobs can be saved by cutting the £450million a year overtime bill and other "out-of-date" rules on pay and conditions.

Federation chairman Paul McKeever said the leaked document had caused "much anger and distress" among police officers.

Mr McKeever said: "On first reading much in the paper is to be commended, [but] there are many areas of very real concern which we strongly oppose and will seek to address on behalf of our members."

Mr McKeever also said that it was "not the right way to do business". "It is intrinsic that at a time of great uncertainty and constraint all policing bodies work together openly and transparently, to ensure the future of policing in England and Wales is shaped by police officers, not individuals, for the benefit and safety of the public."

He added that the Federation was in discussions with ACPO President Sir Hugh Orde regarding the contents of the document.

"We hope that our concerns will be fully addressed on his return from annual leave."

He added: "Under the present leadership, it is clear to us that ACPO represents no-one, but themselves."

Mr McKeever talks in more detail about the ACPO report in *View from the chair* on p12.

NDPA resurrected as 'much reduced' funding arrives

The National Disabled Police Association is to restart just days after it closed due to lack of funding.

The organisation, which represents the interests of disabled officers and staff, shut on 10 August after it failed to secure Home Office funding.

The NDPA Executive had submitted a full Grant in Aid application to the Home Office in January, but no money had been forthcoming, giving the Association no option but to cease its operations.

However, in a statement posted on its website just 16 days after it closed, Deborah Munday, the Chair of the NDPA, confirmed that funding had been found and that the Association could restart.

She said: "I'm pleased to say we'll be announcing some work streams in the current weeks along with a date for our AGM, where we'll be able to bring members right up to speed with everything from the Home Office and the NDPA's future."

Ms Munday told *Police* magazine that although it was good news as they will be able to support their members, the funding had been 'very much' reduced.

"[This] means that we will have to reduce what we had previously planned to do. We have been told to find private funding for the future."

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The Federation is to meet with ACPO President Sir Hugh Orde regarding the leaked report on cutting overtime



New funds have enabled the NDPA to survive

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