



Border force

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Responding to Gordon Brown's announcement earlier, Jan Berry, Chairman, Police Federation of England and Wales said:

"Whilst the Police Federation of England and Wales support in principal the establishment of a border police force we are concerned this new force appears to exclude sworn police officers in what is intrinsically a policing function."

"A border force must combine the efforts of numerous agencies including the police, and needs to integrate local, national and international intelligence with operational awareness and flexibility. This force must not, like many predecessor bodies become elitist - creating in the end more problems than its remit intended."