

COLLABORATION

Version 4

1. Policy statement

There should be greater collaboration between forces. HMICFRS's report 'Policing in austerity: meeting the challenge' made clear that, in the absence of additional funding, some forces will need to collaborate more or change how policing is organised; this may also include the need to consider merging. However, any change must be undertaken with proper public consultation and must not be to the detriment of the level of service communities receive or to the welfare of officers.

2. Responsibility

The National Board is responsible for all policy formation.

3. Summary

PFEW believes that there should be more collaboration between forces given that demands on services have never been greater and the severe budget cuts that forces are facing.

Chief officers and police and crime commissioners should review opportunities to collaborate where it is in the interests of the efficiency or effectiveness of their own and other police force areas. This must not, however, be to the detriment of service communities receive or the welfare of officers.

4. Procedures/implementation

We will work with chief officers and police and crime commissioners in reviewing opportunities for collaboration to ensure that the views of officers are taken into account and that there is a full understanding of the costs, benefits and outcomes of collaboration for the public.

Responsibility is delegated to the National Secretary and/or appropriate sub-committee.

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Version 1	KP-EP	May 2015	May 2016	
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Signed by:



National Chair



National Secretary