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**POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF AIR SUPPORT SERVICES
TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE
POLICE AIR SUPPORT CONSORTIUM**

The North Midlands Helicopter Support Unit is a consortium between the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Police Authorities providing air support to the two constituent police forces.

The Unit operates to a service level agreement, which is reviewed annually and agreed between the consortium members, having considered the view of stakeholders, including other emergency services.

The aim of the Unit, as outlined in the service level agreement, is to assist the consortium by providing specialist support using the advance technology provided by the helicopter and the equipment it carries.

The Unit also provides assistance to the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue service, East Midlands Ambulance Service and Mountain Rescue when appropriate.

There are mutual aid agreements in place with surrounding police Air Support Units to provide cover in the event of helicopters being off line due to scheduled or unscheduled maintenance. These agreements ensure that air support is available to the Consortium at all times.

The Unit operates in accordance with the Police Air Operations Certificate which is issued by the Civil Aviation Authority.

Author: _____ Date: _____

Sgt I Worthington

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Steve Green
Chief Constable

This policy should be read in conjunction with the appropriate Procedures, Guidance and Rules outlined below: -

NMHSU Service Level Agreement