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SECTION 2 BACKGROUND

Information is a key force resource and needs to be protected from disclosure by unauthorised means.

This policy addresses the risks associated with the sharing of Information with partners and other third party organisations.

SECTION 3 POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Nottinghamshire Police, as long as a lawful basis can be established, to generally share information/intelligence with partners and other third parties. The exception to this is in circumstances where disclosure may compromise any police operation, investigations and initiatives or has the potential to cause harm to an individual.

This lawful basis may either be by explicit consent of the data subject authorising the disclosure of information or by one of the many Acts of Parliament or Codes of Practice that identifies Nottinghamshire police has the legal duty or power to disclose the information and the recipient has a legal right to receive such information.

To this end information sharing agreements (ISA's) will be set up with all partners identifying what information can be disclosed and for what purpose it may be used. Further documentation will identify the mechanism involved. These ISA's are to be registered and held centrally with the Force Information Manager.

Information sharing should not take place without such an agreement, except in exceptional circumstances for operational or emergency

situations when a record of the information disclosed and the purpose of its use will be recorded, by the discloser.

SECTION 4 LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

This document has been drafted to comply with the general and specific duties in the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, Data Protection, Freedom of Information Act, European Convention of Human Rights and other legislation relevant to the area of policing such as, Employment Act 2002, Disability Discrimination Act 1995, Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and Employment Relations Act 1999.