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POLICY FOR AIRWAVE

Airwave is the first Nationwide digital radio communication service designed for the police forces of England, Scotland and Wales.

Airwave will replace the current analogue radio network which has been the communication mainstay for many years regarded as out of date, fragmented and operationally inadequate. The Airwave service uses digital technology to provide the highest quality communication service, introducing many important features that have never been available on existing analogue radio services.

In accordance with the *'A safer Nottinghamshire for all'* programme, Nottinghamshire Police is committed to using the Airwave service to enable the police and public safety organisations to deliver a more effective service to the community by digital voice quality, improving voice clarity and reducing misunderstanding. Access to local and national databases, leading to better and faster provision of information to officers/employees in the field and secure communications contributing to combating crime and safeguarding customer information from unauthorised access.

Airwave provides new benefits that the analogue system cannot deliver including:

- Security
- Improved coverage
- Superior voice quality
- Talkgroups
- Emergency button
- Potential for emergency service interoperability
- Clear and secure voice and data communication

The majority of police officers and some police staff will be personally issued with an airwave terminal.

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Airwave Project Manager

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Steve Green
Chief Constable

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

PD 020 AIRWAVE SECTION A PROCEDURE AND FUNCTIONALITY AND RELEVANT APPENDICES

PD 021 AIRWAVE SECTION B INTERNAL WORKING PRACTICES AND OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE AND RELEVANT APPENDICES

PD 022 AIRWAVE SECTION C EXTERNAL WORKING PRACTICES AND OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE AND RELEVANT APPENDICES

PD 022A AIRWAVE SECTION D SYSTEM MANAGEMENT AND RELEVANT APPENDICES