

National Law Enforcement Data Programme:

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This Document has been written with the aim of providing an update on the current status of the National Law Enforcement Data Programme. It is to be circulated to members of the LEDS Open Space for information.

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1. The National Law Enforcement Data Programme (NLEDP) will replace the existing Police National Computer (PNC) and Police National Database with a single system in the Law Enforcement Data Service (LEDS). PNC was created in 1974 and has broadly remained unchanged, dealing primarily with records of fact. PND was built in response to the Bichard Inquiry into the Soham Murders and is primarily intelligence focused. LEDS will serve up a single view of an individual which could encompass both evidential and intelligence material.
2. LEDS will also deliver the National Register of Missing Persons (NRMP) as “LEDS Phase 1”. This will enable initially the police and then subsequently a wider law enforcement audience to check details about current and historic cases where people have gone missing.
3. The last Programme updates have looked backwards over planning activities and actions taken in response to reviews. This update will start to tentatively look forward as the Programme remains focused on delivering the core building blocks for LEDS. This is because progress remains stable and consistent with the programme plan.
4. The latest progress and plans were presented to the NLED Programme Board, who were encouraged by the work done to date and supportive of the current delivery plan. This might see a more incremental delivery of PNC capability within LEDS, with the potential for the delivery of capability in relation to missing people being brought forwards if possible.
5. The first major delivery element will be an operational trial of “DVLA Images By The Roadside” operational trial to be conducted in July and August 2019. This trial is being undertaken in conjunction with Surrey and Sussex police and the DVLA to allow for access to Driving License Images on their force issued mobile device when dealing with road traffic matters. This will see Operational Traffic Police Officers downloading images in a similar way to the existing access to driver records. This is provided for by section 71 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000. If this trial is successful, then a Business Case will be compiled to support a National rollout.
6. The programme’s engagement with the ACC Catherine Hankinson (the National Police Chiefs’ Council lead for Missing People) on LEDS Phase 1 ‘NRMP’ was successful. It covered the scope of functionality and the operational impact on officers and pilot forces. This outline will be discussed with Open Space in the July meeting. The programme will then engage with the operational working group on missing people to generate further detail and produce a Change Impact Assessment to guide the detailed work within the programme.
7. Data Quality Improvement Capability project continues to deliver benefit. More forces are receiving a Data Quality Dashboard (for Police National Database) which is being used to drive quality improvements. Key trends are being identified and shared with forces who are taking corrective action. There are some further details in the specific Open Space updates. Work is continuing to develop and deliver the PNC Data Quality Dashboard with visits scheduled to police forces in Q4 2019.