

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.

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. It is planned for delivery late 2020.
3. ACC Catherine Hankinson (NPCC lead for Missing People) has nominated West Yorkshire Police to be an early adopter of LEDS by agreeing to adopt the first release which will be focused on the National Register of Missing Persons. In addition to this, other Forces in the region have also agreed to be early adopters.
4. As an early adopter force West Yorkshire Police will work closely with the programme to help shape the functionality and usability of the system, develop the way in which it will be used operationally, and be a force that informs the national change planning for how forces adopt LEDS.
5. The Programme is currently looking to document its data migration approach from PNC to LEDS environment so that the testing approach can be finalised. This will be guided by the desire to delete records that are considered of low value for policing. This is likely to include many of the records that have been previously communicated to Open Space previously as low value when discussing Custody Images. This approach will need to be signed off by policing and a further update to Open Space will be provided when this approach has been finalised.
6. The first major delivery element has gone live. A trial of “DVLA Images By The Roadside” started in August 2019 and was used operationally within minutes of activation. Police force issued mobile devices were used to display images of drivers from DVLA records when the driver’s identity was in question. A number of individuals have now been shown to have provided false details to the police. The trial continues to be monitored and will be reported on in greater depth on its conclusion.