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Dear Colleague,

IMPACT OF POLICE RESTRUCTURING ON LOCAL RESILIENCE FORUMS

Following the publication of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's report on the adequacy of the current structure of policing in England and Wales, the Home Secretary has invited Chief Constables and Police Authorities to submit proposals for force restructuring for him to consider. Forces and authorities are now working in consultation with partners to develop business cases for submission to the Home Office by the 23rd December 2005. Consultation with key stakeholders is also being undertaken at the national level. The Cabinet Office is working closely with the Home Office ensure that the impact of the restructuring on local multi-agency resilience arrangements is fully considered as part of the review.

The purpose, objectives and process of the review of police structures is explained in more detail in the attached Home Office briefing note. The current state of proposals is described in detail in the attached Written Ministerial Statement issued to Parliament by the Home Secretary on 11th November 2005.

Local Resilience Areas are currently based on police force areas outside of London. The Government will consider carefully the implications of the review of police structures for Local Resilience Areas in close consultation with key stakeholders. The Act gives the Government the flexibility to change the configuration of Local Resilience Areas by way of Regulations should new police force areas be considered too large for meaningful local multi-agency engagement on resilience issues.

If you have got any questions or queries about the content of this bulletin or either attachment please contact us at ccact@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk.

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