

'The National Policing Digital Strategy: Delivering a Digital Ambition for 2030'

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About the Police Digital Service

- PDS is the delivery vehicle for the National Policing Digital Strategy, co-authored with the National Police Technology Council.
- Our aim is to harness the power of **digital, data and technology**, to enable policing to better protect the public.
- We are **by** policing, **for** policing **with** policing.



Working to deliver the National Policing Digital Strategy 2020-30

Five ambitions



Key enablers driving forward

1010 1010	Data
	Strategic alignment and design
	Modernised core technology

	Connected technology
	Risk and security

	Talent in data and technology
	Transforming the PoliceTech market

Challenges we are working to solve across the criminal justice system



Key achievements for PDS



Supporting digital transformation

- ✓ Six national programmes completed in 21/22
- ✓ Setting standards, enabling officers and staff, and sharing best practice and learning.



Securing savings for policing

- ✓ £27m in cashable and cost avoidance savings through commercial
- ✓ Realising benefits through delivery programmes.



Providing national digital services

- ✓ New core services available to policing – Cyber Services, Digital, Data and Technology

Snapshot of delivery areas within the PDS portfolio



The outlook for policing and partner agencies

Emerging challenges



Performance scrutiny: *“The police response to burglary, robbery and theft is not consistently good enough – and victims face a postcode lottery when it comes to how thoroughly officers might investigate crimes.”* – HMICFRS Press Release, Aug. 2022



Funding scrutiny: likely tightening of government spending in response to changing domestic economic priorities and world events.



Keeping a focus: on how digital, data and tech can enhance policing response to the public and investigations (e.g. automation)?

Where PDS can support and add value

- ✓ Frontline capabilities
- ✓ Automation opportunities
- ✓ Adaptive training
- ✓ Digital improvements

- ✓ Centralisation of Services and programmes
- ✓ Reuse of investments
- ✓ National scalable teams

- ✓ Expertise and support
- ✓ Sharing of good practice
- ✓ Distributed learning
- ✓ National standards

The next 24 months: opportunities for change



**Key to the solution:
Science, Technology
and data**



Challenges

- Improving public trust and confidence in policing.
- Criminal Justice delays.
- Outdated case file process.
- Legacy technology infrastructure.
- Officer and staff time spent on manual processing.
- Reliance on specialist skills.
- Costs and space for on premises data storage.



Opportunities

- Developing standards to generate better quality data and information.
- Supporting the development of new capabilities and making better use of existing digital solutions.
- Moving to focus on prevention rather than cure.

In summary



PDS can help forces find solutions to existing challenges to support them with their efforts to keep the public safe.



Focusing on the areas that forces and citizens tell us are particularly important to them, such as RASSO.



Facilitating access to solutions developed in isolation, connecting them with a wider audience.



Developing clear national standards in a range of areas, helping to provide clarity for forces.



Forming strategic partnerships to leverage expertise from both the private and public sectors.



Helping forces to realise significant cost avoidance and realisation of benefit



Identifying opportunities and value, enabling policing to quickly adopt proven solutions.



Thank you

