



Federation response to NPIA proposal to cut crime

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Paul McKeever, Chairman Police Federation of England and Wales:

“For years we have been calling for effective and integrated IT throughout the criminal justice system, including handheld devices and single data entry systems; all of which would improve communication, cut red tape and create a better working environment for police officers. We are pleased that the NPIA are seeking to address these issues which in principle could help alleviate the pressure on call handlers, as highlighted in our ‘24/7 Report; Views From The Frontline.

“But it is important that any tools introduced do not erode the unique relationship and trust held between police officers and the public - built through direct interaction and such measures remain only for low level and minor crimes.”