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PROPOSAL TO JOIN THE EASTERN REGION POLICE AND CRIME PANEL NETWORK

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The Panel are asked to consider joining the Eastern Region Police and Crime Panel Network.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To become a Member of the Eastern Region of Police and Crime Panel Network.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Panel has been invited by Frontline Consulting to join the Eastern Network of Police and Crime Panels. Current members include Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire and Norfolk from the Eastern region (only Suffolk and Cambridgeshire have not yet joined) plus Kent & Medway and Thames Valley PCPs, which asked to join although they are really in the South East region. Frontline Consulting also service the East Midlands network, which has been running for two years, and organised a one off event for PCP chairs and officers in the South West region.

Frontline Consulting do not intend to make any changes to the current offer which, for an annual subscription fee of £500 (plus VAT), includes: -

- Two meetings a year for Chairs, Vice-Chairs and support officers of each panel to share information, problem solve and collaborate as appropriate.
- A 'helpline' facility to answer queries and provide advice.
- Access to a website, which all PCP members and support officers could sign up to, for free, to share their experiences and good practice.
- Discounts on any learning and development sessions that Panels might want to engage Frontline Consulting to deliver.
- Discounted places for attendance at Frontline Consulting's annual PCP conference.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 The Panel have already utilised and benefited from the services of Frontline Consulting. The PCP Conferences that are held every year, the training utilised for the Panel and the support that Officers have received with varying issues throughout the year. Officers have found this support invaluable and would wish this to continue

The aim of the network will be to give representatives of the Panels the opportunity to link up on a regional basis with other Police and Crime Panels and explore issues of common interest, exchange information and share good practice. Attached at Appendix A is Frontline Consulting's proposal for operating the network. Frontline Consulting are proposing an annual subscription of £500 per Panel and this would be met out of the budget held by the host authority to support the operation of the Panel. It is considered that membership of the Network would be beneficial and that membership should be reviewed on an annual basis.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The cost of joining the Eastern Network will be £500 for the year and will come from funding provided by the Home Office for this Panel.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 None

7. NEXT STEPS

7.1 N/a.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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8.1 *None*

9. APPENDICES

9.1 *Proposal of Regional Networks 2016*
Next Meeting - Eastern Network Agenda – July 2017