



## Leicestershire Constabulary Regional Review Unit Review Policy

Policy Owner:	Head of the Regional Review Unit
Department Responsible:	EMSOU – Regional Review Unit
Chief Officer Approval:	ACC Coulson, EMSOU
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**This Policy has been produced in conjunction with the Leicestershire Constabulary Legislative Compliance Pack**

### Review log

Date	Minor / Major / No change	Section	Author
Dec 2010	Live		Jack Russell
22/07/2015	No change		Kevin Flint
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06/04/22	Minor changes	Throughout	Stu Prior
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## Statement

The NPCC teams and Police Authorities of the 5 Police Forces of the East Midlands Region have agreed to the establishment of a Regional Review Unit, (RRU). This unit will have specific responsibilities for review throughout the region and will conduct reviews on a 3 tier priority basis in accordance with national best practice.

The primary aim of the review process is to assist the SIO.

A review is an independent examination of material gathered by a current investigation, on behalf of NPCC. The aim is to ensure that the investigation:-

- Conforms to nationally approved standards;
- Is thorough;
- Has been conducted with integrity and objectivity;
- Has not overlooked any reasonable investigative opportunities; and
- That good practice and learning is identified.

This definition makes a clear distinction between the formal review process and routine management interventions by Chief Officers.

## Aim

This policy is intended to provide guidance on the role and responsibilities of the RRU. It outlines the role of the unit, the referral process for Chief Officers and the types of review to be undertaken by the unit. Where individual force policies have previously been published, consideration should be given to revising them in light of this regional policy.

## Scope

The policy and the supporting procedures provide a clear framework for the East Midlands Region with guidance and information relating to the service the RRU will provide both during and following a review.

## Legal Basis

The importance of carrying out independent reviews of major crime investigations is recognised throughout the Police Service. The Macpherson Report into the death of Stephen Lawrence and the HMI document on Policing London 'Winning Consent' clearly places a responsibility on Police Forces to formally review unresolved or undetected cases of homicide.

Periodically guidance has been given to the police service on how reviews should be conducted. The NPCC Crime Committee issued Revised Guidance for Regional Reviews in 1998. The 2021 version takes account of current working practice and recent updates that have been made to both the Murder Investigation Manual (MIM) and the Major Incident Room Standard Administration Procedures (MIRSAP).

It also takes account of requirements under the following Legislation; Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996, Data Protection Act 1998, Freedom of Information Act 2000, Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, Race Relations Act 1976, Sex Discrimination Act (Gender Assignment) Regulations 1999, Human Rights Act 1998, Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

## **Monitoring**

The policy will be monitored by the Head of Regional Review Unit, EMSOU, to ensure effectiveness and check that all elements are being adhered to.