

DMPC Decision – PCD 1088

Title: Home Office Grant Funding - MPS Communications Data Account Manager

Executive Summary:

The role of Communications and Data Account Manager (CDAM) within the MPS is to work closely with the National Communication and Data Service of the Home Office in promoting the use of Communications Data for policing purposes within Law Enforcement Agencies and key stakeholders. The Home Office have funded a CDAM role since 2015 as part of a wider grant funding arrangement for Communications Capabilities Development Programme. The CDAM funding expired on 31 March 2021. The Home Office have now issued a new grant agreement for funding of the CDAM for 2021/22. This decision proposes the acceptance of Home Office grant funding up to £80,000 to part fund the role for 2021/22. The MPS will cover the remaining costs of the role from within their existing budgets.

Recommendation:

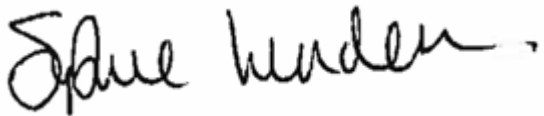
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to approve the receipt of £80,000 of grant funding from the Home Office for 50% of the staff costs of an MPS Superintendent plus associated costs, for the period 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature



Date

15/12/2021

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. The Home Office have funded the CDAM role since 2015 as part of a wider grant funding arrangement for Communications Capabilities Development (CCD) Programme. The CDAM funding expired on 31 March 2021. The HO have now issued a new grant agreement for funding of the CDAM for 2021/22.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The role of Communications and Data Account Manager (CDAM) within the MPS is to work closely with the National Communication and Data Service (NCDS) of the Home Office in promoting the use of Communications Data for policing purposes within Law Enforcement Agencies and key stakeholders.
- 2.2. The Met have continued to operate this role on the basis of the above arrangements.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The 2021/22 HO grant funding will meet half of the cost of this role and support, travel and subsistence costs up to a total of £80,000. The Met are meeting the remaining cost of the CDAM role from within their existing budgets.
- 3.2. There remains a risk that future annual HO grant funding may reduce or cease.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. This HO have offered the grant pursuant to the power conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Investigatory Powers Act of 2016.
- 4.2. The legal powers applicable to MOPAC acceptance of the Grant will be under Schedule 3, Paragraph 7 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 which provides that,
 - 7(1) The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the Office.
 - (2) That includes—
 - (a) entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not);
- 4.3. Para 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated powers to accept any offer of grant funding.

5. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 5.1. MOPAC will adhere to the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 and ensure that any organisations who are commissioned to do work with or on behalf of MOPAC are fully compliant with the policy and understand their GDPR responsibilities.
- 5.2. Privacy Impact Screening Questions were completed for the CDAM role and it was deemed that no Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) was required.

6. Equality Comments

- 6.1. MOPAC is required to comply with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. This requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.2. This is an extension of an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity. The Met have identified no diversity or equality issues.

7. Background/supporting papers

- Appendix 1 HO Grant for the MPS Communications Data Account Manager Role 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and will be made available on the MOPAC website following approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date: n/a

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a **Part 2** form – NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
Financial Advice: The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Legal Advice: The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.	✓
Equalities Advice: Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
Commercial Issues Commercial issues are not applicable.	✓
GDPR/Data Privacy GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
Drafting Officer Alex Anderson has drafted this report in accordance with MOPAC procedures.	✓
Director/Head of Service: The MOPAC Chief Finance Officer and Director of Corporate Services has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓

Chief Executive Officer

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

Signature



Date 15/12/2021



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MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

HO Grant for the MPS Communications Data Account Manager Role 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022

MOPAC Investment Advisory & Monitoring meeting – 1st December 2021

Report by DSU William Wright on behalf of the Chief of Corporate Services

Part 1 – This section of the report will be published by MOPAC. It is classified as OFFICIAL – PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Metropolitan Police Service has been offered grant funding from the Home Office (HO) for the role of MPS Communications Data Account Manager (CDAM).

The role of CDAM within the MPS is been performed by a Superintendent. This funding is based on 50% funding from the Home Office for the staff costs of a Superintendent within the MPS plus associated costs connected to the role.

The remaining 50% will be met from MPS core funds within Met Operations and replicates the existing arrangement with the Home Office from 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is asked to approve this funding by the HO for the period 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022.

Recommendations

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, via the Investment Advisory and Monitoring meeting (IAM), is asked to:

- 1. Approve the receipt of £80,000 of grant funding from the Home Office for 50% of the staff costs of a MPS Superintendent plus associated costs, for the period 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022.**

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by the 17th December 2021. The MPS has continued to support this function since the previous Grant Agreement expired on 31st March 2021 through the provision of a Detective Superintendent (DSU) on the basis of the agreed ongoing grant funding between the MPS and the Home Office.

Non-confidential facts and advice to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

Introduction and background

Communications Data Delivery and National Communications Delivery Service (Communications Data Account Manager)

1. The role of Communications Data Account Manager (CDAM) within the MPS is to work closely with the National Communication Data Service (NCDS) of the Home Office in promoting the use of Communications Data for policing purposes within Law Enforcement Agencies and key stakeholders. The CDAM acts as a conduit between the NCDS and the regional Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) and wider Public Authorities (PA). Their role is as follows:
 - a. Maintain effective day-to-day communications between the CD LEA/PA Community and the NCDS.
 - b. Ensure NCDS strategic thinking aligns with the operational needs of the LEA and PA.
 - c. Raise issues and risks relating to communications data on behalf of the LEA/PO Community with the relevant Pods within NCDS.
 - d. Facilitate meetings and briefings between NCDS and their designated LEA/PA regions.
 - e. Ensure that CD opportunities are being maximised by the LEA or PA Community.
 - f. Assist NCDS in prioritising new CD capabilities for the LEA and PO Community.
2. The Home Office have funded the CDAM role since 23 February 2015. This funding has previously been formalised under a series of umbrella grant agreements between the Home Office and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) for the Communications Capabilities Development (CCD) Programme, which were approved and signed by the MOPAC. The most recent grant agreement for the CCD programme expired on 31 March 2021 and the HO have now issued a new grant agreement for FY21/22.
3. The Home Office grant offer is £80,000, which provides 50% of the cost of a Detective Superintendent, based on pay, overheads and expenses.

Issues for consideration

4. The use of Communications Data within the Law Enforcement Agencies and wider communities is increasing in terms of reliance and volume. As technology increases, and the nature of crime changes, communications data is becoming more important from an intelligence and investigation perspective. This will lead to significant improvements in the effectiveness and efficiency of policing activities particularly in disrupting Organised Crime Networks (OCNs), safeguarding and protecting vulnerable people and in reducing, disrupting and detecting crime. Collectively, these improvements in policing and law enforcement should lead to increases in public trust and confidence of the Police Service and of the Law Enforcement Agencies.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021¹

- The use of Communications Data will lead to better outcomes in policing and law enforcement due to better intelligence, evidence and data sharing arrangements between police forces, the LEAs and the Home Office. This is directly linked to the priorities of the MOPAC Police and Crime Plan 2017 to 2021: It will increase the quality of policing, lead to better evidence in criminal justice proceedings and better relationships between the police and the LEAs, provide better safeguarding response to children and young people and provide an intelligence led approach to tackling violence, particularly against women and girls.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

- The eligible expenditure, i.e. 50% of the staff costs of a Superintendent plus associated costs for the role will be recovered from the HO under the Grant Agreement between HO and MOPAC.
- The Home Office have confirmed that grant funding is available for the CDAM role for the year 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022. The HO have already issued a Grant Agreement for this funding, which will be signed subject to DMPC approval.
- The role of CDAM continues to be an integral part of the new National Communications Data and Legal Interception (CDLI) Partnership. The long-term discussions will explore the future role of the CDAM as the need for Communications Data develops across the UK.
- The shortfall between the full cost of the Detective Superintendent and the £80,000 grant from the Home Office will be met by MO2. This will be funded from the MPS police pay budget. A summary of the breakdown of the grant funding of the **CDAM** is shown in the table below:-

Category	Amount(£)
Staff costs	£131,186
Support costs	£23,322
Travel and subsistence	£2,748
Total Cost	£157,255
Home Office Funding	£80,000
MO2 funding – offset by reduction in Constable post	£77,255

- Should the Home Office cease funding for the CDAM role in the MPS at the end of the funding period, staff would be redeployed within the MPS core establishment and the corporate workforce plan would be adjusted accordingly.

Legal Comments

¹ [Police and crime plan: a safer city for all Londoners | London City Hall](#)

11. This HO have offered the grant pursuant to the power conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Home Department under the Investigatory Powers Act of 2016.
12. Para 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated powers to accept any offer of grant funding.
13. The legal powers applicable to MOPAC acceptance of the Grant will be under Schedule 3, Paragraph 7 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 which provides that,
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14. The grant agreement will be published under the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) (Amendment) Order 2012.

Equality Comments

15. As this is an extension of an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity. No diversity or equality issues have been raised by previous CDAMs.

Privacy Comments

16. The Privacy Impact Screening Questions were completed for the CDAM role and it was deemed that no Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) was required.

Real Estate Implications

17. There are no real estate implications.

Environmental Implications

18. There are no environmental implications.

Background/supporting papers

18. There are no background papers.

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