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## **The introduction of an Integrated Protective Security Strategy (PS) into the United Kingdom Fire & Rescue Service (UKFRS)**

### **Summary**

Following the recommendations of a review of the protective security arrangements into the Emergency Services Sector (ESS) by the Centre for the Protection of the National Infrastructure (CPNI), a protective security strategy, and governance arrangements, are being developed and implemented within the Fire & Rescue Service.

### **Recommendations**

That this report be noted.

### **Action**

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## **Protective Security**

### **Background**

1. As part of the Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) Emergency Services Sector (ESS), a protective security review has been undertaken by the Centre for the Protection of the National Infrastructure (CPNI).
2. This review identified the need for each component of the ES sector to;
  - Review existing Personnel security policies within the entire emergency services sector.
  - Establish a Departmental Security Officer (DSO)
  - The Emergency Service Sector should implement a structured personnel security strategy including a review of existing personnel security strategies. The strategy should incorporate an appropriate personnel security communications strategy linked to the Cabinet Office Review of Personnel Security and the Centre for the Protection of the National Infrastructure (CPNI) guidance.
  - Establish a process for measuring the effectiveness of personnel security.
  - Conduct a comprehensive review of policy and procedures for the handling of protected marked material (PMS).
3. This review is based upon six key work streams:
  - The United Kingdom (UK) Protective Security (PS) assessment of the Emergency Services (ES) Sector of the Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) commissioned by the National Security Advice Centre (NSAC) (now the Centre for the Protection of the National Infrastructure (CPNI)) in March 2006.
  - The TIDO (Protect) Emergency Services sector work plan
  - The ES Sector Personnel security Risk assessment
  - The outcomes of the Emergency Services Sector Working Group meeting chaired by the Director CPNI.
  - The recent breaches in the handling and storage of personal data and the Data protection Act implications.
  - The compliance with HMG Security Policy Framework (Mandatory requirements)

### **FRS Current Position**

4. In order to address the Protective Security vulnerabilities identified as part of the CPNI review, a project scope has been developed with the following key components;

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- Determining the role & function of the DSO & the Senior Fire & Rescue Security Advisor (SFRSA)
  - Identifying the key components of an integrated PS strategy
  - Identifying priorities for implementation
  - Determine resource implications
  - Determine funding implications
  - Determine training implications
  - Determine Governance framework
  - Determine the key components of a communications strategy
  - Identify key internal & external relationships i.e. CPNI, COSPD etc.
5. A Senior Fire & Rescue Security Adviser post has been established within the Chief Fire & Rescue adviser's unit, but embedded into the CLG Departmental Security Officer (DSO) structure. The primary purpose of this position is to provide protective security advice and guidance to Fire and Rescue Services, the Fire and Resilience Directorate and other stakeholders as appropriate.
6. A project plan has been produced which intends to introduce the three key elements of an integrated protective security strategy into the UKFRS within 24 months. The three key elements are Personnel, Physical & Information security.

## **Financial Implications**

7. To be determined.

## **Implications for Wales**

8. This report is to be considered by the Welsh Assembly Government.

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