

DECISION NUMBER: PCCG-2019-062

OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

LEAD CHIEF OFFICER: NIGEL STEPHENS, ACO – RESOURCES

TITLE: DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DEMS)

DATE: 9th December 2019

TIMING: ASAP – URGENT

PURPOSE: For Approval

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 The recommendation of the Digital Services Division (DSD) is that Gwent Police procure a Digital Evidence Management System with the Supplier NICE Investigate in collaboration with South Wales Police via the G-Cloud Framework let by the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) for a 24 month initial term with the option to extend for a further 2 years. This is in accordance with paragraphs 20 -24 of Part 3e Standing Orders in relation to contracts within the Manual of Corporate Governance,

NICE Investigate is the only product that offers full integration with Niche and other systems already used within both forces, delivering the best user experience for officers and staff. The platform offers full functionality to users (meeting the specification) without the need for additional modules to be purchased.

2. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

2.1 Gwent Police and South Wales Police currently utilise different solutions for evidence management and these are no longer suitable or do not have enough memory storage capacity for the equipment used by both forces.

2.2 A joint procurement process was planned to be completed using East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit (EMSCU). The procurement lead for this project was South Wales Police. On October 7th 2019 Procurement and DSD engaged in some pre market engagement by receiving presentations from providers on the Framework.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The presentations highlighted that a DEMS solution is not a standardised concept and that each provider has come to their solution via a differing path. All of the demonstrated products were found to be at different stages of maturity with various road maps proposed for the future development of new functionality. NICE Investigate was the only product to meet the current system specification required by DSD to allow for integration with existing systems.

3.2	As NICE were identified as the only supplier that could be used it was identified that a compliant route to market was to contract under the G Cloud call off.
3.3	NICE Investigation is currently used by several other police forces in the UK.
4.	<u>NEXT STEPS</u>
4.1	Upon approval of this report a G-Cloud call off agreement will be completed and signed by both parties.
4.2	An award notice will be placed on Sell to Wales and the call off agreement shall be listed on the BLPD website.
5.	<u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u>
5.1	NICE have indicated that the anticipated costs for Gwent Police are: Year 1 - £237,989 Year 2 - £242,773 Year 3 - £261,557 Year 4 - £276,341
5.2	The costs above are inclusive of licences, storage, set up costs, additional storage and forecasted growth.
5.3	The growth considered is only estimated and the costs stated may be subject to variations in value. These costs will be reviewed and monitored by the DSD department.
5.4	The costs are higher than what is currently paid by Gwent Police. The current system is not fit for purpose and cannot be compared like for like with the new solution.
6.	<u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u>
6.1	There are no personnel implications.
7.	<u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u>
7.1	The G-Cloud Framework call off is a compliant route to market.
7.2	Utilising a framework means that the contract terms and conditions have not been reviewed by the Joint Legal Services Department.
8.	<u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u>
8.1	This report has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group. Consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998 in preparing this report.

9.	<u>RISK</u>
9.1	If this contract is not awarded then the current system does not allow us to share evidence with third parties in the required way. This is currently a risk on the force risk register.
10.	<u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u>
10.1	This document can be published.
11.	<u>CONTACT OFFICER</u>
11.1	Sian Gunner, Head of Procurement
12.	<u>ANNEXES</u>
12.1	None.

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Office of the Chief Constable

I confirm that 1395 – Digital Evidence Management System report has been discussed and approved at a formal Chief Officers' meeting.

It is now forwarded to the OPCC for approval purposes.

Signature:



Date: 09/12/2019

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

I confirm that 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.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date:

17/12/19