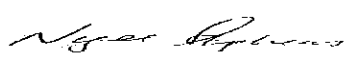
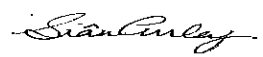
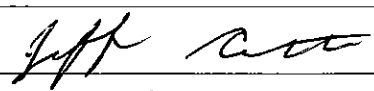


<b>DECISION NUMBER: PCCG-2017-050</b>	
<b><u>OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER</u></b>	
<b>LEAD CHIEF OFFICER:</b>	<b>Nigel Stephens, Assistant Director of Resources</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Provision of Forensic Pathology</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>25 October 2017</b>
<b>TIMING:</b>	<b>Urgent</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<b>Approval</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>
1.1	It is recommended that the contract for the Provision of Forensic Pathology Services be extended with Cardiff University. The contract is extended in accordance with paragraph 121 of the Manual of Governance.
1.2	Paragraph 121 is being utilised as the extension of this contract is outside of the original term of the contract and the original approval was approved by OPCC.
1.3	The three (3) month extension will commence on 1 October 2017 and will expire on 31 December 2017.
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>INTRODUCTION &amp; BACKGROUND</u></b>
2.1	In September 2012, Gwent Police awarded a contract for the Provision of Forensic Pathology Services which was awarded to Cardiff University, following a single tender process as they are only supplier who can deliver the service in the area. Gwent Police led this contract for the following forces; Dyfed Powys Police, South Wales Police and Gloucestershire Police.
2.2	The contract was awarded for a period of three (3) years with an option to extend for a further two (2) years, awarded annually. The contract commenced on 1 October 2012.
2.3	In September 2015 and again in September 2016, the contract was extended utilising the annual extensions available, following a successful three (3) year contract.
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u></b>
3.1	Cardiff University have provided an excellent provision to all forces mentioned in 2.1, during the last five years.
3.2	As the lead for this contract, regular communication has been had with the Cardiff University representatives over the past twelve months.
3.3	As the natural end of the contract approached, we have been working with the University of Cardiff to draft a more efficient service specification for a new

	contract. As the University is the single supplier for the service in Wales, it was deemed vitally important to work with them to ensure the requirements the forces have were achievable through the services they provide and is cognisant of current changes in legislation.
3.4	The work on the specification and new contract document are continuing with the University currently reviewing the specification which is being reviewed by their register pathologists to allow for them to review and comment on it. It is envisage that this should be completed by them in the coming weeks.
3.5	Based on this feedback above from the University and the timescales they have identified, it is recommended that we extend the current contract with them to ensure compliance with the Manual of Governance and for the other forces who utilise the contract.
3.6	The University have confirmed that they are happy to extend the current contract for a three (3) month period.
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>NEXT STEPS</u></b>
4.1	On approval of this report, an extension to contract document will be drafted in accordance with the original contract and issued to Cardiff University for signature.
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></b>
5.1	For the three (3) month extension period, Gwent's guaranteed spend will be £5,330 which is a pro-rata figure of the annual retainer paid by each force, to the University, to secure the provision.
5.2	Further to the annual retainer, Gwent is then required to pay a case fee of £2,855.56 for each case which utilises the Forensic Pathology provision as per the contract.
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u></b>
6.1	There are no personnel considerations applicable to this extension period.
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></b>
7.1	There are no legal implications applicable to this contract extension.
<b>8.</b>	<b><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u></b>
8.1	This project/proposal 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.
8.2	In preparing this report, consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998.

<b>9.</b>	<b><u>RISK</u></b>
9.1	<p>Should this extension not be granted, it would create the following risks for the forces listed in paragraph 2.1;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is likely that the University may stop providing the forensic pathology service which would present a risk to the forces for investigations which need to be carried out.</li> <li>• Expenditure in this service area will still continue as the service is required, therefore making spend non-compliant.</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<b><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u></b>
10.1	Following approval of this report, this document will be made available to the public.
<b>11.</b>	<b><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></b>
11.1	David Hatchley, Senior Procurement Officer
<b>12.</b>	<b><u>ANNEXES</u></b>
12.1	N/A

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<b>Office of the Chief Constable</b>  I confirm that the Provision of Forensic Pathology report has been discussed and approved at a formal Chief Officers' meeting.  It is now forwarded to the OPCC for approval purposes.	
<b>Signature:</b>  	
<b>Date: 06/11/17</b>	
	<b>Tick to confirm (if applicable)</b>
<b>Financial</b>  The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
<b>OPCC (insert name)</b>  The Chief of Staff has reviewed the request and is satisfied that it is correct and consistent with the PCC's plans and priorities.	✓
<b>Legal</b>  The legal team have been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
<b>Equalities</b>  The Equalities Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
<b>Chief of Staff:</b>  I have been consulted about the proposal and can confirm that financial, legal, equalities etc... advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.  I am satisfied that this is an appropriate report to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.	
<b>Signature:</b>  	
<b>Date: 13/11/17</b>	
<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent</b>  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.	
<b>Signature:</b>  	
<b>Date:</b>  13/11/17	