

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD:

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**LSCSB UPDATE: LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE FOREIGN
NATIONAL OFFENDERS DESK UPDATE**

Background

1. The Foreign National Offenders (FNO) Desk at Leicestershire Police is part of the Force Intelligence Bureau and is responsible for leading an organised response to the issue of Foreign National Offenders. The FNO works to develop knowledge, understanding and interventions that can be successfully applied to such offenders to mitigate the effects of their actions.
2. Work on this issue has identified data and information that, if shared across partners, could help support more effective and successful interventions to address crime by FNOs. It is expected that this would be possible with relatively minor cost and time resources required from the agencies concerned.”

Notable developments and challenges:

Past Year

3. In the calendar year of 2017 an examination of Foreign National Offenders passing through Leicestershire Police custody suites uncovered some 110 unique individuals that were referred to Home Office Immigration for consideration of subsequent deportation. The referrals were based on either their historical overseas offending or their UK based repeat offending.
4. The Office of National Statistics has estimated the cost to the Criminal Justice System of managing a Foreign National Offender to be about £70,000 per managed offender. On this basis, the potential estimated cost savings achieved for the local Criminal Justice System, by utilising Leicestershire Police data only at this stage, could be in the region of £7,700,000.

Coming Year

5. It follows that more effective information sharing between partners and Leicestershire Police with regard to Foreign Nationals has the potential to achieve significant benefits. The above illustration demonstrates the cost savings; however, most importantly such collaboration may well help better safeguard the communities of Leicestershire.

6. The intention is to measure performance by:
- a. Determining the number of foreign national offenders identified that have serious overseas convictions.
 - b. The number of successful removals from the country of foreign national offenders.
 - c. The number of Foreign Nationals and UK Nationals that may be sought under the terms of European Arrest Warrants.

The FNO currently have access to bulk searching tools via International Policing computer systems which simply and efficiently check names held.

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

7. The aim is to uncover and identify Foreign National Offenders with serious overseas convictions and successfully remove these offenders potentially before they have chance to commit further serious convictions in the United Kingdom.
8. To date, scrutiny of Police systems, notably the Police Custody Process has uncovered approximately 110 offenders potentially suitable for enforcement activity. Leicestershire Police seek to build on this success by working with partner agencies to share community intelligence and information streams in an effort to keep our communities safe.
9. The initial flow of partnership information is envisaged to be via email referral to the following email address

FNI@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk or via portal link to the following:

<https://leics.police.uk/contact/community-partnership-information>

It would also be beneficial to the Foreign National Offenders Desk to be provided identified points of contact in each locality/JAG.

Recommendations for the Board

10. To note the contents of this report.
11. To support the principle of collaborative information sharing contained in this document and provide a named contact within their organisations.

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