

NORFOLK CONSTABULARY - OPERATION CABIN

REVIEW OF INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE COMPUTER MISUSE ACT OFFENCES RELATING TO 'CLIMATEGATE'

AIMS OF THE REVIEW:

1. Ensure investigative strategy and plan has been implemented and suitably reviewed
2. Establish that clear priorities have been set to provide a proportionate allocation of resources
3. That appropriate consultation has occurred to ensure best practice is applied for this type of electronic criminality
4. Seek to ensure imaginative processes are applied to identify those responsible and prevent further such offences occurring

Summary

This review has been a 'light touch' examination of the investigative strategy and priority lines of enquiry. A robust and meaningful review on a 'critical friend' basis should be applied to such complex high tech investigations at agreed periods of the investigative time line. With the likely increase of such offences a specialist national de-brief or review team for e crimes should work with national units to ensure lessons learned and best practise is applied.

The commitment of the SIO and his immediate team and the application of local resources by Norfolk Police for this challenging enquiry have been impressive. The reality is that these offences are rare in the UK and most forces, regardless of size, have little specialist capability in this arena. That said there are national units both in policing and with partner agencies that have specialist knowledge and skills that would have added value to the enquiry.

With the agreement of the sponsor for this review and the SIO, subject matter experts will be invited by the review team to visit the enquiry to ensure that all investigative lines of enquiry have been pursued.