

1. The Internet Child Abuse Team ('ICAT') is led by Detective Inspector [redacted] ICAT forms part of the Complex Crime Unit and is managed by DCI [redacted] The Complex Crime Unit falls within the portfolio held by Detective Superintendent [redacted] It is within the Investigations Directorate for which the overall lead is Detective Chief Superintendent [redacted] The Chief Officer lead for online child sexual abuse is Assistant Chief Constable Nikki Watson. Details of the team and the management structure can be found within the documents attached.

1.1 Details of the teams responsible and the management structure can be found within the documents attached;

Exhibit WW/1 PDF Investigation 'To Be'.

Exhibit WW/2 PDF 12. Structure Charts Investigation Departments.

Exhibit WW/3 Operating Framework.

*2) The resources available to the force for the detection of and response to online child sexual abuse, including funding, workforce, and technical resources (including access to a high-tech crime unit). How resourcing has changed over time and what impact (if any) this has had on the detection of and response to online CSA*

2. The ICAT currently consists of 1 Detective Inspector, 2 Detective Sergeants, 3 data forensic officers, 5 Detective Constables, 5 Investigating officers, a Child Abuse Images Database identification officer and two Intelligence Researchers. The current overall budget for the unit is £713,200. [WW/4]

2.1 In 2015/2016 funding for ICAT was increased by 18%. Then, following a business case agreed in March 2016 [WW/5], a further 91% uplift for ICAT was agreed for 2016/2017 to fund an additional 9 posts. This has enabled the ICAT to expand from 7 posts to the current 16 posts.

2.2 Similarly, in May 2016 the High Tech Crime Unit (HTCU) had one part time Data Forensic Investigator dedicated to ICAT cases. This has now been increased to 3 Data Forensic Investigators dedicated exclusively to ICAT cases.

2.3 Across the regional collaboration, the South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (of which the Constabulary is part) provides specialist support through the tasking process. The Constabulary Digital Investigations Unit (DIU) has recently recruited a Cyber Crime Prevention Officer who is available to advise vulnerable victims in online safety. The DIU supports the wider response to online child sexual abuse across the Constabulary through a network of Digital Media Investigators who provided specialist advice and support to officers with online dimensions to their investigations

2.4 Since the increase in staffing within the ICAT (May to July 2016), the number of referrals allocated to ICAT has increased significantly. In 2014/2015 155 referrals were allocated, 204 referrals in 2015/16 and 244 referrals in 2016/17. In 2017/18 from April to October 2017 the number is 333.