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POLICE
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**NATIONAL ROAD
POLICING CENTRE**

ORAL FLUID TESTING GOVERNANCE BOARD: MINUTES

Date:	Tuesday 27 th July 2021	Location:	PNHQ, Level 14 Meeting Room 2
Time	2:00pm-3:00pm		
Apologies:	Supt. Gary Allcock, National Manager: Prosecutions, NZ Police Insp. Dean Clifford, General Manager: IT Training, NZ Police Supt. Zane Hooper, Director: Deployment, NZ Police Bill Peoples, Director: Financial Crime Group, NZ Police Sharon Hart, Executive Director: Finance, NZ Police Insp. Brian Yanko, Manager: Fleet Management, NZ Police Supt. Steve Greally, Director: National Road Policing Centre, NRPC Insp. Anaru Pewhairangi, Director: Maori, NZ Police Supt. Melanie Aitken, Director: Safer People, NZ Police Simon Williams, Director: Evidence Based Policing, NZ Police Daniel Wildy, Director: National Intelligence, NZ Police Supt. Greg Williams, Director: National Organised Crime Group, NZ Police Insp. Craig Hamilton, Manager: Asset Recovery Unit, NZ Police		
Attendees:	AC Bruce O'Brien, Deployment & Road Policing, NZ Police S/Sgt. Christopher Whitehead, Programme Manager: Oral Fluid Testing, NZ Police Insp. Blair MacDonald, Manager: National Drug and Intelligence Bureau, NZ Police S/Sgt. Aaron Bunker, Manager: Strategy & Relationships, NRPC Supt. Brian Moyle, Director: Mobility & Digital Group, NZ Police Dr. Jennifer Grabow, Manager: Portfolio & Programmes, NZ Police Bronwyn Donaldson, Manager: Health & Transport Policy, NZ Police Gillian Ferguson, Director: Policy, NZ Police Nils Van Lamoen, Principal Research Advisor, NRPC Michael Nyamudeza, National Operations Manager, NZ Police Insp. Jared Pirret, District Manager: Prevention, NZ Police		

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1.	Welcome and Board Update	Welcome to Insp. Jared Pirrett as District Commander rep, replacing Jill Rogers.
2.	Update – Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill	<p>Parliament is coming back on Monday 2nd August</p> <p>Not sure when we will know where it is sitting on the reading list</p> <p>It is possible it will move through the next stages in the next quarter</p> <p>There is a paper taking immediate presence around COVID-19 which will take priority</p>
3.	Consider Updated Terms of Reference and Initiating Brief	<p>Minor amendments were required to the Board ToR, including wording of guiding principles and inputting a paragraph around mitigating bias and disproportionate negative outcomes for Maori and Pacific, provided by Policy. Suggested wording was the following: "Honour our Commitment to Māori and the Treaty: The Board will enable a partnership approach to the development of the deployment model, to align with the broader work underway in Police on mitigating bias."</p> <p>Initiating Brief</p> <p>A paragraph around delivery approach to mitigating bias and disproportionate outcomes has been added on page 9 with no issues with the wording.</p> <p>Updated programme restraints, dependencies and assumptions as going through the business case has revealed more that should be added, the format has changed slightly.</p> <p>Assumption A2 on staged deployment. This business case assumes Police will take a gradual and staged approach to implementing oral fluid testing, starting with CVST and District teams. This approach was confirmed by the board albeit reference to CVST and District teams is slightly preemptive so can be removed from this document,.</p> <p>Phrasing on D2 procurement strategy. This is not the issue, it is rather whether the technology exists so needs amendment.</p> <p>D3 on Minister approval. Minister of Police just needs a consultation with 2 other Ministers, wording to be changed.</p> <p>s9(2)(g)(i)</p> <p>Policy's understanding of what constitutes as a test is a person or sample. One test will count as one oral fluid test and some drivers will get two.</p>

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4.	Programme Update	<p>An EOI has been sent out for a Programme Coordinator yesterday on Panui, closing 6th August.</p> <p>9 workstreams have been identified, with project leads and teams to assist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waka Kotahi is leading the evaluation workstream while Nils Van Lamoen will be the representative for Police. - Alisha Rayns is leading the equipment procurement workstream, currently working on planning and business considerations. <p>The programme's business case is underway. Currently are going through stakeholder engagement analysis, Jo Beckford and Alisha Rayns helping with this.</p> <p>Benefit management will begin shortly to identify benefits moving forward. E.g. compliance with legislation and reduction of road crashes.</p> <p>Workstream leads will get together some time in August to work on planning and interdependencies and how they can work together as an early discussion.</p> <p>Equipment</p> <p>Some devices have a 25% false positive or negative result, so need to procure the right equipment to be as accurate as possible. This risk is well known across legislation development and the select committee. Expectations need to be clear when we are exploring devices.</p> <p>s.9(2)(g) OIA [REDACTED] CW has a meeting with Victoria Police as they have been implementing oral fluid testing since 2004/5, to get their point of view and how they sold the message of oral fluid testing to their staff.</p>
5.	Evaluation Update	<p>The evaluation workstream is currently being designed in a self report survey of drug use and incidents of drugs and driving. EPSOS is a provider of the survey to attempt to make the sample as close to the New Zealand driving population as possible. Many respondents have said they have taken drugs and driven 3 hours later, these people will move onto more surveys.</p> <p>Once the oral fluid testing regime is implemented and operational for 1 year, the survey will be repeated using repeated measures with the same people to identify whether self reported behaviour has changed. This will then be repeated again after 3 years of implementation.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity to add changes and build on the state of knowledge as we go on. Waka Kotahi, research scientists included,</p>

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		<p>Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice and Police will be on this steering group panel.</p> <p>The workstream has engaged ESR to retest all bloods taken from hospitalized crashed drivers for the 3 months of last year for substances, including GBL. One third more are not fully tested as we do not request to do so.</p> <p>Evaluating Police practice is not in scope. This may mean we need a separate evaluation of the implementation stage/process with Police and a benefit review of each workstream.</p> <p>When CW talks to Victoria Police, it would be helpful to know what evidence around drivers changing behaviour they have or if this was masked in some way. While their programme expanded, incidents of drug and crashed drivers actually increased each year, therefore it is hard to predict what will happen in New Zealand.</p> <p>The risks of the programme have been added to the initiating brief. R9: drivers may switch to non-screened drugs to avoid oral fluid testing and updates of drug schedules may take some time to change. However, CIT may be used if signs of impairment are visible, of which ESR will pick up.</p>
6.	General Business	N/A

Closed 2:50pm

OPEN ACTIONS

#AP1: CW to change the wording in the ToR and sign off by executive. This will be presented in the next meeting as a signed document.

#AP2: CW to change the phrasing on D2 the procurement strategy of initiating brief.

#AP3: CW to remove the sentence on CVST and Districts implementing oral fluid testing.

#AP4: CW to amend D3 wording on Minister approval.

#AP5: CW to discuss with ESR regarding legislation changes as drug schedules change.