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## **Decision title**

Covert Authorities – Temporary Records & Product Manager

## **Executive summary**

This paper details the current situation relating to an IPCO (Investigatory Powers Commissioners Office) requirement in relation to Records and Product Management (RPM).

Sir Brian Leveson, Head of the Investigatory Powers Commissioners Office (IPCO), has mandated all forces nationally review covert material to ensure compliance with the RIPA Codes of Practice. While initial steps towards compliance have been taken, the volume of work required to achieve full compliance cannot be managed as part of regular business operations.

## **Recommendation(s)**

This request proposes the establishment of a Records & Product Manager (RPM) role for a period of 2 years, to ensure compliance with the mandated review, retention, and deletion of covert material as per relevant information management legislation. This RPM post will be crucial in meeting the force's obligations under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA) 2000 and Investigatory Powers Act (IPA) 2016 frameworks.

The RPM post will oversee the management of covert material across a number of covert disciplines, ensuring compliance with RPM of records held

The creation of the temporary RPM post will assist in achieving and maintaining compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

## **Statement on publication**

This Decision Record and supporting Decision Request documentation is suitable for publication.

## **Police and Crime Commissioner Approval**

I hereby **approve** the recommendation above.

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Signature:

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**Donna Jones**

Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire

Date: 31-MAR-25

