

# 45 years of Collaboration in Policing





## Geography, Demand & Capability







#### **Geography & Demand**

246





167 miles

#### **Demand & Purpose**

- Example, Missing From Home (MFH), edited extract for North West Search and Maine Unit's, Strategic Threat and Risk Assessment
- Threat: **HIGH**
- Articulation of the threat: MFH enquiries particular high risk MFH enquiries are a risk area for all Forces across the North West, posing a significate risk of harm to the missing / vulnerable person. Prompt enquiries are required to minimise the risk of harm and ensure resources are appropriately deployed. Whilst in the main this threat impact is graded as low, there are numerous cases that result in a moderate impact grading particularly in cases of high-risk MFH involving water.
- Capability Regional Assessment: GOOD
- The Unit is able to meet the level of demand in support of MFH enquiries and has sufficient tactical options to add value to the enquiry. Primary tactical options underwater / diver search, sonar search and wade searching. The Unit maintains both the required skills and technical equipment.
- Risk: Threat (High) + Capability = **MODERATE**

## **Demand & Capability**



## Maintaining Capability



• Diving

- HSE min dive team 5 divers, can be risk assessed to 4 if using SCUBA
- Each diver attends a 8 week course
- Each diving operation needs a diving contractor and a dive supervisor
- Each diver should dive at least every 90 days / perishable skill
  - All diving equipment and plat requires a document maintenance program
- Diving operation must have suitable immediate access to first aid including oxygen administration

## Maintaining Capability



Sonar, in its self is a skill which is only developed through experience To use sonar requires that use of small boats, again a skill developed through experience

> And in the end no matter how its done, you have to find stuff and searching itself is a perishable skill





To operate safely in swift water requires a Defra qualification and practice

#### The Bottom Line



