

N8 Policing Research Partnership: Innovation Forum on Cybercrime

Market Place Discussions

3. Force, Regional and National Organisation

The Research Idea	Are the mechanisms for online/cyber enabled child sex exploitation the same across the N8/north of England
Stakeholders	Academic Police CEOP (NCA) Social media representatives Safeguarding board
Resources Required	IT/Analysis/Data mining Big data capability Industry expertise N8 point of contact – police and academic
Funding Sources	Traditional funding sources may be less suitable Private sector – industry 'standards' College of Policing (Home Office Innovation Fund) ESRC? H2020/EU funding – need collaborators, call for partners
Key contacts from Innovation Forum	All attendees, incl Nick Tilley
Next Steps/Who will do What and When?	Further refining of idea

- This project is an enabler to other collaborative solutions being developed
- Kelly Benneworth-Gray (University of York) – has experience of analysing how individuals who sexually offend against children talk about what they do, and would like to contribute with an analysis of online communications (perhaps *with* children) to identify patterns (for understanding/prediction)

Rapporteur Notes:

Joint up working across forces – sharing data

Discussion points:

- Definitional problem of what is meant by cooperation/ working across forces: locally know problem is that there are not enough resources available. Lobbying aspect: stronger together. Scale up evidence to back up the argument: there is a division between North and South. Needs to investigate Northern problems
- Concept of collaboration. Needs to establish a broader understanding of the problems the police forces faces when they investigate cyber-crimes. Not the same in the North compared with the south. Investigate the victim/ harm community. Look nationally: child exploitation cases have all been in the north. How can that be?
- What should be delivered? Local, national, or...? Combining diverse regions. Agreements can make the different forces stronger
- Look into different ways to respond to cyber-crime types. Identify victims, offenders and locations

Research ideas:

- Development of a critical mass information database – narrow down the area: starting out with child exploitation across the northern England
- Stakeholders: academics, police, partners, CEOP, NCA, social media representation
- Resources: technical/ computer experts, academics, police, profiling and mapping experts, analysts
- Funding resources: private funding, the College of Policing, the Home Office, Euro 2020 etc.

Key contacts: Participants in the Innovation workshop