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Ambulance Trusts England
Fire & Rescue Services England
HM Coastguard
Police Forces England

Colleagues,

The Emergency Services Collaboration Working Group (ESCWG) was formed in September 2014 underpinned by the principle that change should be centrally supported but locally driven. The group provides strategic leadership, coordination and support to improve emergency services collaboration. Represented on the ESCWG are: National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) CC Simon Edens, Association of Ambulance of Chief Executives (AACE) Martin Flaherty, National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) Vice Chair, CFO Phil Loach, HM Coastguard Deputy Director Chris Thomas and senior government departments. The Home Office and Department of Health are also represented.

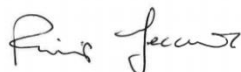
Central to the work of the ESCWG is the development of a repository of good practice which will be made available to those working on the local development of collaborative schemes through a live, interactive platform. Building on data gathered through previous national overviews of collaboration, we are launching the attached questionnaire through which, with your involvement and support, we will gather up to date information and data to form a rich picture of collaboration across England.

We would welcome your support in ensuring that the collaboration leads for your organisation complete a questionnaire for each collaboration project that is in place with one or more other emergency service. The complete national output will allow us to demonstrate to Ministers that we are collectively identifying and promoting schemes which are increasing public safety and are efficient, economic or effective.

Our senior programme manager Rebecca Gill, is available by email Rebecca.Gill@staffordshirefire.gov.uk or tel: 07971 893288 and can assist with any of your queries.

The requested **return date for questionnaires is December 18th 2017**. Please endeavour to keep to this deadline to enable us to share information and data across the sectors as promptly as possible.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of the Emergency Services Collaboration Working Group