



CHESHIRE POLICE: FIRST WITH A FULLY INTEGRATED MOBILE DATA SOLUTION INCORPORATING NICHE

Cheshire's solution offers extensive read and write capability into Niche RMS, providing intelligence, crime and non-crime occurrence tasking. Read and write capability is also available to NSPIS C&C and Stops, with access to PNC and QAS available across MDTs, PDAs and BlackBerry hardware. Access to e-mail is also available to personal issue devices.

FORCE MOBILE DATA OPEN DAY: WEDNESDAY 21ST MARCH, 2007
AT CHESHIRE POLICE HQ



Cheshire Police is piloting the use of mobile data technology that is expected to enable officers to spend more time on the beat. The mobile data solution – developed by mobile data specialist, Beat Systems – provides real-time read and write access to Niche RMS as well as multiple core operational systems including NSPIS Command & Control, PNC, QAS, and stops. The solution will enable frontline officers to reduce the time they spend in the station on time-consuming administrative tasks such as data entry, and as a result will increase the time they spend on the beat.

Cheshire is carrying out an extensive Proof of Concept on the mobile data solution in order to identify the level of benefits mobile data is able to offer. The Proof of Concept, which involves 30 operational users, is taking place in the Warrington and Widnes area.

Inspector Tim Darbyshire, Mobile Data Project Manager at Cheshire Police explains, "As an officer with operational experience, I am fully aware of the duplication of effort involved in the submission of information in to various types of reports. It is not uncommon currently to have to write or type the names and dates of birth of individuals arrested up to 16 times. We believe that mobile data technology will begin to reduce the massive administrative burden currently experienced by police officers, ultimately making them more available for community-based activities or deployment to emergencies."

The easy-to-use, intuitive Beat mobile data solution allows officers to interrogate back end systems, input information where appropriate, and update the force's systems – all without the need to return to a police station. The solution also provides a level of integration that allows data once entered or recovered to be reused without having to re-enter it.

Roy Hawes, Beat Systems' Commercial Director, says, "We are delighted that the force has selected us for the delivery of this pilot, which is being recognised as pushing the technology well beyond the current mobile developments to be found in the policing community. The force has set an ambitious plan that will see it leading mobile data developments in UK policing."

Mobile applications that Cheshire Police is actioning in addition to Niche RMS include e-mail, NSPIS Command and Control, PNC, voters register, and stop/search forms, and officers are using the RMS functionality to update tasks and submit intelligence in real time whilst on the beat. Cheshire expects improvements in data quality as a result, thanks to reduced opportunities for error as well as time savings and the ability to re-use data already held in the system.

Inspector Darbyshire comments, "The response from officers who have received training so far has been excellent. We are anticipating massive improvements both in the quality and timely recording of stop forms and a conservative estimate is that officers will increase their front line policing time by up to half an hour per day."

He continues, "If the Proof of Concept delivers the benefits anticipated and experienced by other forces in increasing front line policing time, approval will be sought to provide every front line operational member of staff with access to this technology. Reducing the time operational staff spend in police stations by 30 minutes a day equates to a 5-6% increase in front line policing time."

Cheshire is one of 10 UK forces to have implemented Niche RMS, which they rolled out in 2005, and are now using to handle their custody, incident management, crime and intelligence data.

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Beat Systems provides secure mobile data solutions which it has delivered to several UK police forces, including Cheshire. Having been selected by all major ICT suppliers serving the

UK police market, the Scotland-based company is widely recognised as the industry standard for mobile police data.

Niche Technology is the provider of NicheRMS, an integrated system for managing most of a force's operational information requirements including: crime, intelligence, incidents, child protection, missing persons, custody, case preparation and property.



MOBILE DATA OPEN DAY

The agenda for the Open Day at Cheshire Police Force HQ is as follows:

- 10.30 am — Coffee
- 11:00 am — Introduction by Senior Officer
- 11:30 am — Vision & Project Overview
- 12:00 pm — Practical Scenario Demonstrations using a variety of devices
- 1:00 pm — Questions
- 1:30 pm — Buffet Lunch and Close

The open day is for police forces and associated police organisations only, and is not a supplier event. It will enable forces to discuss and interact with Cheshire and the wider police community regarding mobile data sharing and delivery. The force will provide a live demonstration showing the solution working live across all systems and hardware platforms including MDT, PDA and Blackberry devices.

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