



NATIONAL POLICE CAPABILITIES ENVIRONMENT

BRIEFING

An overview of the National Police Capabilities Environment, delivered by the Police Digital Service.

NATIONAL POLICE CAPABILITIES ENVIRONMENT (NPCE)

The National Police Capabilities Environment (NPCE) is a cloud platform developed by the Police Digital Service (PDS) on Microsoft Azure to host and support live national policing IT applications throughout their lifecycle.

The NPCE enables the accelerated development and deployment of policing applications in a secure, flexible, scalable, and cost-effective manner.

It also represents the first step towards the vision to create a multi-cloud environment for law enforcement.



VISION AND MISSION



Vision

Establish a national Microsoft Azure-based environment for UK policing.



Mission

Support the hosting and management of national policing applications by providing a secure, flexible, and integrated cloud environment.

"I'm proud of assisting the PDS National Police Capabilities Environment on its journey. Together, we have the power to shape and deliver national capabilities in a transformative way. This will enhance our everyday work by simplifying how IT services are managed and improving access to essential digital tools that frontline officers need to serve the public better."

Paul Guy

*Platform Asset Owner for the
NPCE and ICT Director at Durham
Constabulary*



BENEFITS FOR POLICING



A secure hosting environment

A safe, scalable, flexible, and cost effective hosting environment for national policing applications to facilitate the development, enhancement, and access of digital tools and solutions.



More choice of cloud vendors

More choice of cloud vendors for policing, which will enable the development of Azure-based solutions and applications and open up opportunities in a multi-cloud setup.



Efficient digital transformation

Support to deliver policing transformation activities with more agility and speed, while ensuring a higher level of risk management and assurance and reducing the cost of local IT provision.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

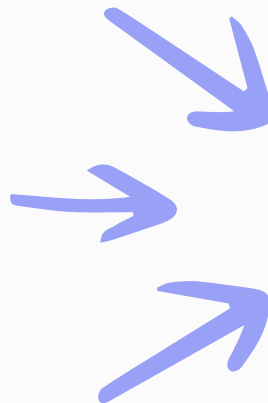
NPCE'S AMBITIONS

Policing architecture

Deliver national policing IT and architecture in a consistent manner.

Policing digital capabilities

Facilitate secure and efficient build, deployment, and running of local and national capabilities



National Policing Digital Strategy

Enable officers and staff through modernised core data and technology.

Policing hosting

Open up hosting options for policing applications

“The PDS National Police Capabilities Environment is a critical enabler for delivering national digital tools directly to the frontline. Modernising policing IT infrastructure is a key element of our digital, data, and technology strategy. The NPCE will help us achieve that by accelerating how we develop, test and deploy essential digital services and ensuring they reach officers with greater impact.”

Tony Blaker QPM

Chief of Staff at the NPCC DDaTCC



OUR JOURNEY

Initial Operating Capability completed



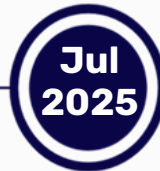
Onboarding of policing analytical tool



Onboarding of another policing analytical tool



Assurance of NPCE minimum viable product



LECN capability live



Assurance to Full Operating Capability



WHAT'S NEXT

With the successful delivery of an assured Full Operating Capability in April 2026, the NPCE project is now formally closed and transitioned into business as usual.

A Product Manager will take the rein of the NPCE to ensure continuity, enhancements, maturing of its technical, data and security posture, and onboarding of new applications.



OUR ROADMAP

Working through discovery requests



Onboarding of policing safeguarding tool



Onboarding of policing analytical tool



Progression of in-flight projects



Platform enhancements



“We need a nationally available, secure environment that allows anyone anywhere in policing to access digital tools and share innovation. Without it, inconsistencies will continue to exist in policing. That’s why I’m excited to see the launch of the PDS National Police Capabilities Environment. The NPCE provides exactly what we need - a secure and assured cloud environment, designed to scale local successes into national impact.”

CC Chris Todd

*Chair of the National Data and
Analytics Board, Humberside
Police*



ABOUT THE POLICE DIGITAL SERVICE (PDS)

The Police Digital Service (PDS) is the UK organisation responsible for coordinating, developing, delivering, and managing digital services and solutions that enable UK policing to safely harness technology to improve public safety.

Funded by policing and the Home Office, PDS works with law enforcement organisations, private industry, charities, public bodies, and government to deliver digital services and solutions with policing, for policing.



POLICE DIGITAL SERVICE



LET'S TALK!

Are you building or do you already have an application we could host and run?
We want to hear from you!



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