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### **Saab's SAFE Selected by South Wales Police and Gwent Police**

Saab's unified command and control solution SAFE has been selected by both South Wales Police and Gwent Police as part of a new sole supplier framework agreement created by the forces Joint Digital Services Division.

The two forces will become the sixth and seventh police forces respectively to use the Saab unified command and control solution. Jointly the forces serve around two million members of the public and employ around 7,000 officers and staff.

SAFE replaces a range of legacy control room solutions with a single user interface that offers a truly unified platform for mission critical incident and operations management and empowers users to make more informed decisions, faster. The solution increases resolution at first contact, improves customer satisfaction and enables resources to operate more efficiently.

The new framework agreement, which is open to the majority of Welsh Emergency Services to procure from, is valid for the next four years.

South Wales Police and Gwent Police will join five other forces who have already procured SAFE: Cheshire Constabulary, West Mercia Police, Cumbria Police, Nottinghamshire Police and An Garda Síochána.

Saab has around 300 UK staff located across five offices across the country. Saab's public safety team deliver the SAFE solution from both its Hull base at the Centre for Digital Innovation (C4Di) and Gothenburg base in Lindholmen, Sweden. SAFE has been developed in partnership with the emergency services and is operational in the control rooms of over 30 organisations across the UK, Europe and the USA.

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“By choosing SAFE South Wales Police and Gwent Police have secured a future-proof solution. Our UK-based Public Safety Solutions team has a track record in delivering best-in-class solutions to the Emergency Services market. Saab’s SAFE is fast becoming the go-to control room software solution across the country, and we are excited for South Wales and Gwent forces to be a part of that,” says Dean Rosenfield, Group MD of Saab UK

Mark Travis, Assistant Chief Constable of South Wales Police, comments, “We are pleased to be working with Saab to develop and implement this collaborative digital control room that will offer much greater functionality in one system. This digital solution will replace our legacy systems across both police forces in Gwent and South Wales. This has been driven by our own people. It is about improving services to public safety, our officers and staff. It’ll offer all our teams improved efficiency so we can provide a better policing service to meet our community needs.”

Nicholas McLain, Assistant Chief Constable of Gwent Police, remarks, “We welcome this unified control room platform enabling us to make the right decisions quickly by making better use of our data. This technology will equip our officers and staff for the future, to deliver a more effective service to the public and help protect our communities.”

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