

Minutes of Lethal Weapons Working Group Meeting

Date:	14 October 2025
Time:	10.00 – 13.30
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Chair:	CC Lucy D'Orsi
Minute Taker:	S.40(2)

Attendance:	Lucy D'Orsi	NPCC LLW Lead
	S.40(2)	NPCC LLW
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	S.40(2)	BTP
	ACC Sean O'Callaghan	BTP
	S.40(2)	CNC
	S.40(2)	College of Policing
	S.40(2)	Dstl
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	ACC Karena Thomas	Eastern region
	S.40(2)	FFLM
	S.40(2)	JPS Beds Cambs & Herts
	S.40(2)	HMPPS
	S.40(2)	Home Office SIT
	S.40(2)	Home Office Commercial
	S.40(2)	Home Office Migration & Borders
	S.40(2)	Home Office PPU
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	S.40(2)	Home Office PPU
	S.40(2)	IOPC
	S.40(2)	London region
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	Supt Stubbs Paul	London region
	Supt Chris Nelson	MDP
	S.40(2)	NAPCO
	S.40(2)	North East region
	Supt Simon Newell	North West region
	S.40(2)	NTSAG
	S.40(2)	Police Scotland
	S.40(2)	Police Scotland
	S.40(2)	Police Scotland
	S.40(2)	PSNI
	Supt Ian Thompson	South West region
	Supt Adrian Hall	Thames Valley Police
	S.40(2)	WESCOE

Apologies	S.40(2) [REDACTED]	APCC
	S.40(2) [REDACTED]	West Mercia Police
	Div Cmdr Chris Casey	BTP
	S.40(2) [REDACTED]	IOPC
	S.40(2) [REDACTED]	College of Policing
	S.40(2) [REDACTED]	NPCC BWV
	ACC Michael Vance	CNC
	S.40(2) [REDACTED]	SDAR
	S.40(2) [REDACTED]	Police Federation
	Ch Supt Mark Roberts	PSNI
	ACC Melanie Jones	PSNI
	A/DCC Robert France	South East region
	S.40(2) [REDACTED]	Home Office SIT
	S.40(2) [REDACTED]	Police Scotland

No	Item	Lead
01/14.10.25	Attendance and apologies Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members joining the call.	
02/14.10.25	Minutes of previous meeting held on 24 June 2025 The minutes of the last meeting were circulated, no amendments were made.	
03/14.10.25	Actions arising from previous meeting Outstanding actions from the previous meeting were reviewed and updated	
04/14.10.25	<u>Less Lethal Weapons</u> Diversity in Less Lethal Weapons Update at next meeting Less Lethal Weapons 5 - 50m project S.31(1), S.40(2), S.43(2) [REDACTED] Small Caliber Impact Launcher Project update provided by S.31(1), S.40(2), S.43(2) [REDACTED]	

05/14.10.25	<u>Attenuated Energy Projectile / L104 Launcher</u> Reach Compliant AEP round update provided by S.40(2) S.31(1) [REDACTED] Update on new launcher update provided by S.40(2) Currently working with S.40(2) on 5 to 50 metre LLW project. The current L104 launcher is being taken off the market by H&K and then withdrawing any service in work from S.31(1) Although the longer term project is looking at different options around kinetic impact projectiles, we don't want to leave forces without an option for the current 37mm. S.31(1) [REDACTED] AEP / L104 faults None reported S.40(2) provided an update on SACMILL transition to HO SACMILL will be transitioning from MOD to Home Office under the banner of MILLWEC (Medical Implications of Less Lethal Weapons Expert Committee): https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/medical-implications-of-less-lethal-weapons-expert-committee	

	Recruitment is ongoing and should any medical expertise be required between now and that transition, SACMILL are still available and can be tasked through the MOD. NTSAG advised the group it was the first they had heard of the change and transition of SACMILL and surprised as stakeholders that no consultation or involvement had taken place. S.40(2) reassured that this is going to be a very similar organisation managed by the Home Office which means greater control and access and should be an improvement, S.40(2) HO PPU added we take on board the point about consultation and happy to work with NTSAG, if there is anything that is helpful for us to do and certainly happy again for it to come back to one of these meetings if that's an appropriate forum. To provide reassurance there is nothing significant that is going to change - the functionality is all going to be very similar and from a Home Office policing perspective, this gives us a lot more control and it will hopefully allow us to use the group much better. Chair added it would be really helpful for comms to be circulated to all members to outline exactly what is happening – ie. what does it mean for membership of SACMILL, in terms of the interface with the Home Office, in terms of the opportunities for improvement for the future, and invite feedback from members of this group to feed back into the process for possible opportunities for enhancement as we move forward. Action: HO to circulate comms to LLW WG members in the next few weeks regarding SACMILL transition to the HO	S.40(2) HO
06/14.10.25	<u>Conductive Energy Devices (Taser) – Projects</u> British Overseas Territories update provided by S.31(1) Re-sent final report to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and to international policing. Responses have been received from Foreign and Commonwealth Office but not from international policing, despite contacting them a couple of times. Will re-send once more but at some stage we need to push them to communicate with us to see what their thoughts and views are on how we go forward. S.31(1) Action: S.31(1) requested an email update be submitted outlining the process and timeline. Custody Healthcare Professionals update provided by S.40(2) Training, still ongoing with all but one provider. 90% of the way through writing a webinar update for those who have already attended the core training to update them on T10. All the materials for the Taser hub on T10 have just been approved by our internal academic committee, so are going out for co badging this week with all the other organisations. Thanks for everyone on the T10 programme board for providing feedback to make sure they're fit for purpose so we are progressing reasonably well.	S.40(2) HO

**TASERD Outcome Project - Disproportionality in Taser use
update provided by S.40(2)**

Meeting scheduled with NTSAG to work through the points they have raised and once that has been resolved and completed it will be ready to publish.

**NPCC LLW T10 Project update provided by Adrian Hall
S.31(1), S.40(2), S.43(2)**

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	[REDACTED] Taser Drone Project update provided by S.31(1), S.40(2) [REDACTED]	
07/14.10.25	Conducted Energy Devices – Standing Agenda NPCC LLW Administration update provided by S.40(2) Financial response to seek funding for year 26-27 has been submitted to NPCC and awaiting confirmation. Things are very tight at the moment and there may be some concessions that need to be made in order to keep going forward. There will be some changes in the LLW Administration over the next few months as S.40(2) Support Officer will be retiring at the end of the year. We are also looking to change some of the LLW WG meetings to ‘in person’ and combining the day with a bit of an exhibition around what less lethal weapons looks like and understand what work we’re doing. We want to reinvigorate and get the engagement back into the LLW meetings, and streamline some of the processes, meetings and efficiencies as we transition into a new way of working.	

S.40(2) our Insight Analyst continues to do a fantastic job on data, dashboards etc. We've got a lot more emphasis on new weaponry that may come in next year. The first thing that may come across our threshold is the SCILS project for which we have asked if any of the forces will be interested in being part and parcel of that project, perhaps even doing a pilot.

NPCC BWV portfolio update provided by S.40(2) obo
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 No updates that are relevant at this time. Full update about the progress of the body worn video APP at the next meeting.

Independent Office for Police Conduct update provided by S.40(2)
 No relevant updates from the IOPC. No new SME requests for less lethal weapons from their independent investigations, and in terms of policy, no further updates.

College of Policing update provided by S.40(2)
 T10 - launched on 2 October, APP was also updated on the same date to account for the changes.
 The new curriculum and all the new training material was published the following day and now available to forces. The College was asked to produce a video for non Taser officers to inform them that about the changes that Taser 10 brings, because it works quite differently to existing Tasers. That video was also uploaded to Knowledge Hub, so all Chief Instructors will be able to access it and forces are free to use that in any way they seek fit internally to inform non Taser officers about the changes.

Lead instructors and Technicians started being trained back in April. To date just over 100 Lead Instructors and a similar number of Technicians have been trained. Those programmes are ongoing, demand dried up a little because one course was cancelled due being significantly undersubscribed, and that course has now been rescheduled, consolidated for January.

Survey issued to all forces to ascertain their training needs for the next 18 months, that survey takes us up to March 2027. We've had most of those returns back - we would encourage if anyone requires any TLI courses, T10 upscale courses, technicians courses to fill out that survey so we can plan accordingly.

Licensing - all 13 forces and collaborations have had their PSQMS submissions reviewed and their feedback provided this for this year. As a recap, four forces and collaborations on a full licence and now a further 8 forces scheduled for their full licence review between now and the end of this financial year. That would take us up to 12 for licences assuming they're all successful.

There is a CTI seminar scheduled for the 7-8 January which is the annual seminar for CTIs. This has been pushed back to January because it better coincides with the publication of updated training material and the planning process for the for the upcoming training year.

National Taser Stakeholder Advisory Group update provided by S.40(2)
S.4 has been attending the T10 board and providing input. **S.31(1)**
 Other members have been active on issues of Tasers against children.

NTSAG registered their concerns around T10 to SACMILL and they will review the medical statement in due course.

S.4 expressed his thanks to NTSAG for their work which is an extremely valuable asset for policing. Having that independent advice and view very often brings things up that we might not have been considered or perhaps the impact we thought was going to be less than it actually is.

Dstl Taser 7 update provided by S.40(2)

Taser 7 update - typically around 50 forms per month are submitted, compare that with approx 1000 forms per month submitted for the X2 back in the day. Next February will be five years since the first reported use of the T7.

Depending on the future intention of the 19 forces currently using the T7, the authorisation of the T10 may mean return of T7 forms decreases from their current levels.

DSTL published initial report on the operational performance of the T7 nearly two years ago and plan to do one further report. Currently have about twice the data than for the first report, providing more confidence in any conclusions. The second report won't happen until all the data has been collected, and that ties in with whether the requirement for officers to complete T7 forms continues or is removed which is a matter for Home Office policy makers and their advisors.

SACMILL update provided by S.40(2)

SACMILL - following the announcement on 2 October of the Home Office authorisation of the T10 System, SACMILL's medical statement along with other relevant material was published in the public domain.

Committees will be supported by the MOD secretariat until 30 November. The recruitment campaign for MILLWEC will commence early November. There may be a potential risk that unless that new committee is composed of people with previous experience with less lethal weapons, it may not commence with immediate effectiveness and will need to learn and understand the various outputs and effects of the weapons. In the context of the additional technical work and the possibility that the output from that additional technical work, this might not actually be available before SACMILL is dissolved.

Home Office Police Powers Unit update provided by S.40(2)

S.31(1), S.43(2)



Police Federation update provided by S.40(2) obo S.40(2)

No relevant updates at this time, awaiting the next stages of the Accountability review and the outcome of the W80 proceedings.

	HMPPS update provided by S.40(2) HMPPS started an operational use of Taser at the end of July. The trial authorises use by specialist ORRU staff (NTRG) where a command authority has authorised it as part of a tactical intervention plan. Taser has not been deployed since the trial started. The Deputy Prime Minister and LC has announced a commitment to equip up to 500 prison officers in long term high security prisons with CED. This is in response to an escalation in prisoner violence in prisons and in serious assaults against staff. We are working though costs and operational planning to meet this commitment and will need and welcome the support of members of the LLW WG. This is new to HMPPS and we intend to follow national code of practice and apply good practice from policing and establish strong governance, external scrutiny, and data reporting from the outset. There may be challenges to overcome given the complex arrangements for healthcare provision in prisons and we will work with FFLM on this. We are grateful for support already received from College of Policing with curriculum development and training. I will invite NTSAG to the existing External Advisory Partnership meeting for use of force. S.40(2) raised a question in relation to the use of Taser by HMPPS. If and when Taser is deployed will there be reporting via the T7 Use Form? The requirement to complete a form is part and parcel of the authorisation of the T7 system. Therefore, if following national practice, then completing and submitting a form to NPCC LLW would be part of that? Action: HMPPS to advise NPCC of the process for collating and submitting data following use of Taser S.40(2) FFLM expressed concern around what will happen to the healthcare assessment post exposure. At a meeting with NHS England it was advised point-blank that anyone who's exposed to Taser will in no circumstances be assessed by prison healthcare staff, as they are primary care and not trained. Senior clinicians working in prisons within the FFLM feel that that seems unreasonable, because if we can do it in custody, we should have a similar in prisons and they do post restraint assessments in the prisons. So they may be pushed back on that, and we need to bottom out that we would not expect everyone who's experienced Taser exposure to be sent to hospital as that's a huge risk with the most volatile detainees. The FFLM will be available to assist and support in any way they can and have appointed a Vice President for Prisons, S.40(2) who's an experienced prison GP, and who will take the lead on that for the FFLM with S.4 on the LLW front. This may be an opportunity for us to push, perhaps as part of the roll out, people like prisons ministers, to once again reassert that guidance from NPCC and FFLM on Healthcare, is the go-to standard because that gives us that extra backing. S.40(2) added the College have supported HMPPS training since their adoption of T7 and training processes have already started. When instructor training was delivered as part of their non operational trial, differences were taken into consideration as the curriculum and APP is written for policing and whilst the vast majority of it will be fit for purpose for HMPPS, there are certain sections of it that simply won't because of the different operating environments.	S.40(2) HMPPS
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	Regional updates from: North East region, Eastern region and South Wales region North East update provided by S.40(2) S.31(1) [REDACTED] Eastern region update provided by Karena Thomas S.40(2), S.31(1) [REDACTED] South Wales – absent South West also provided an update provided by Ian Thompson S.31(1) [REDACTED]	
	Date, time and location of next meeting: 24 February 2026 - 10.00-13.30 Teams - tbc	