



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

Case Study – mutual aid for the 2013 G8 Summit

Public safety cannot always be managed by a single police force acting alone. Under the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR) Forces have a national obligation to provide mutual aid for public order policing. Sussex Police officers and staff are trained to exacting national standards and are ready to work effectively alongside colleagues from other forces whenever required.

As part of the policing effort for the 2013 G8 Summit, Sussex Police provided mutual aid to The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), who was the host force leading the policing operation.

Resources are allocated to the host force based on numbers of officers and the skill base requested and agreed by a chief officer. For the 2013 G8 Summit, the request for resources from Sussex Police was agreed by the Chief Constable.

When selecting the resource required, Sussex Police applies a methodology that takes the largest number of officers from the biggest division. This reduces the impact on that division and ensures a good balance of officers is used across the force and that normal business continues.

Sussex Police supported the PSNI operation by providing officers and staff to assist for a total of ten days, from 10 to 19 June 2013. The commitment varied each day, ranging from a maximum of around 62 officers to as low as just one officer on other days.

Like other forces, Sussex Police took measures to ensure that whilst it supported the operation, it continued to deliver a full local policing service to keep communities in Sussex safe.

All costs of policing support to the PSNI will be repaid in full so there will be no charge to the Sussex taxpayer.

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