

Turning promising policing innovations into lasting change

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We've published new national guidance designed to help forces select, test, implement and embed innovation more effectively

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The Centre for Police Productivity's new implementation guide for innovations gives forces a standardised approach to turning promising ideas and technologies into sustainable operational improvements. It is published alongside related benefits management guidance.

Guidance for the whole implementation journey

Policing has never been short of good ideas, but successful implementation remains one of the biggest challenges. Many promising innovations struggle to deliver their full benefits. Or they lose momentum as they run into legacy systems, established processes and long-standing ways of working. This new guidance helps forces anticipate these challenges, so that innovation has a genuine chance to take root and deliver lasting positive impact.

The implementation guide for innovations covers the full implementation journey, including:

- defining a problem
- selecting the right innovation
- planning
- governance
- stakeholder engagement
- evaluation
- long-term sustainability

It also points users towards the tools, networks and central support already available across policing.

It is written for anyone with a role in delivering change within policing, including project leads, programme teams, change professionals, or operational leaders working at a local, regional or national level.

A consistent framework for change and value

The new implementation guide is published alongside related benefits management guidance, which helps forces understand how to capture and report on the benefits of change.

Together, these two resources give forces a consistent framework to implement change and demonstrate its value. This helps to build a stronger evidence base for future investment decisions.

Read the guidance

- [Implementation guide for innovations](#)
- [Benefits management](#)

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