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Title: Provisional Police Settlement 2014-15

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I am publishing today my proposals for the Welsh Government component of funding to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) for policing in Wales for 2014-15. This includes details of the provisional allocations of the core unhypothecated funding provided through Revenue Support Grant (RSG) which each PCC in Wales can expect to receive for the forthcoming financial year (tables 1, 2 and 3 attached).

Police funding is not wholly devolved and the overall package of central funding is determined by the Home Office's decisions on the Police Grant. Funding will be distributed across all PCCs in England and Wales in accordance with a distribution formula operated by the Home Office. The Home Office is also responsible for providing funding to ensure no police force has to take a cut in resources of more than minus 4.8% for 2014-15, when compared on a like-for-like basis with 2013-14. The overall impact of the Settlement and Home Office floor damping is that every force in England and Wales has the same percentage reduction for 2014-15.

This is a challenging Settlement for the police service which will require them to make tough choices in order to protect front-line policing. I encourage police forces in Wales to build on their commendable collaborative efforts in recent years which are driving efficiency and innovation during these difficult times. I urge the Commissioners to continue to pursue similar opportunities to work together with other public sector organisations where shared outcomes are identified.

The role of the Commissioners in setting their annual budget and local Council Tax precept is one for which they are directly accountable to their electorates. In consultation with their Chief Constable and the public, each Commissioner must set out a five-year Police and Crime Plan taking account of local circumstances. The Commissioners have powers to distribute grants provided by central government for the delivery of police services and to support local priorities.

Today marks the start of a consultation period which will end on 23 January 2014.

The timing of this statement has been determined by the Home Office announcement of Police Grant for forces in England and Wales. This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep Members informed. Should Members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this statement when the Assembly returns I would be happy to do so.

Police revenue funding

Table 1: Aggregate External Finance (RSG+NNDR, £m)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Dyfed-Powys	17.367	15.672	14.976	13.640
Gwent	34.730	32.772	32.251	30.674
North Wales	26.988	24.816	23.944	22.328
South Wales	81.915	77.740	76.630	73.357
Total	161.000	151.000	147.800	140.000

Table 2: Police Grant and Floor Funding (£m)²

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 ¹	2014-15
Dyfed-Powys	39.979	40.684	40.684	39.367
Gwent	46.913	48.437	48.437	46.169
North Wales	54.789	57.015	57.015	54.774
South Wales	98.576	101.035	101.035	95.843
Total	240.257	247.171	247.171	236.153

Table 3: Total Central Support (£m)

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14 ¹	2014-15
Dyfed-Powys	57.347	56.356	55.659	53.008
Gwent	81.643	81.209	80.687	76.843
North Wales	81.777	81.832	80.959	77.102
South Wales	180.491	178.775	177.665	169.201
Total	401.257	398.171	394.971	376.153

Notes:

¹ 2013-14 figures adjusted for transfers into the settlement

² This is the amount of police grant set out in section 3 of the Police Grant Report which includes the allocation under 'Principal Formula' and 'Add Rule 1' (columns a and b) plus the amount 'floor funding' that the Home Office has made available.