

## POLICE NOTEBOOK

**A** BLUEPRINT on how to tackle every known crime, which will include police officers receiving career-long training on detection methods no matter what branch of the service they are in, is being developed.

When the plan comes fully on line it will be the most advanced combined strategy against the criminal ever devised and will be way ahead of any other training programme in Europe and of programmes in most other countries.

On one level the programme involves a multifaceted approach to crime investigation, bringing together the work of intelligence agencies such as the National Criminal Intelligence Service, the latest information from research projects, recognised best practice methods for various crimes, forensic science, scenes of crimes techniques, medical advances and aspects of the law. It will also include offender profiling techniques and developments in behavioural science, crime analysis, investigative strategy and case strategy.

Another strand of the plan will concern computer backup. Officers will be developing data and computer programs to assist the investigation of particular types of crime. Not least among their tasks is to make sure that in future computers used by different forces are compatible and can exchange data. This will ensure best practice methods in the development of homicide, rape and child murder computer indices. All these aids will be available to a senior investigation officer inquiring into a major crime or a serial case.



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There will still be room for the individual with expert knowledge to make a contribution. The expertise of a senior detective who has investigated a series of linked murders could be of great value to an investigation. Even if the detective has retired, he or she could still be brought in to help.

The plan is still in its infancy, but we await with interest to see how it develops, and how it can help operational policing.

### CRIME BUSTERS REVIEW

Travelling criminals are again entering our area and committing daytime burglaries. If you see a vehicle parked in a strange position then please give us a call.

During the beginning of April offenders broke into the Milton playgroup shed and threw powdered paint around the rear play area. It is highly likely that the offenders were also covered with paint. Do you remember anyone coming home in such a state?

Vital information passed to me has resulted in the arrest of offenders causing criminal damage to the value of £700. Please pass any information to me, it may catch an offender or prevent a further offence.

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