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## Merseyside Becomes Eleventh UK Police Force to Select Niche Intelligence System

Merseyside Police has announced that it will be the eleventh UK police force to use the Niche Technology's Intelligence System to manage the force's intelligence needs.

The selection of the Niche system for intelligence purposes complements the force's existing use of Niche for Custody, Crime, Property, Case File Preparation and General Incident Management.

John Hampson, IS Director at Merseyside Police, said, "We have now consolidated our main operational information management requirements on the Niche RMS system, which helps to rationalize our IT estate and generate efficiencies for the force."

Merseyside Police polices the city of Liverpool and the surrounding boroughs of Knowsley, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral and has a population of 1.4 million. With 4,516 officers and 2500 support staff, Merseyside is the fifth largest force in England and Wales.

"I am delighted that Merseyside are completing their implementation of the full Niche RMS system," said Roger Thomas, UK Country Manager for Niche Technology. "We aim to work with Merseyside to ensure that the Niche Intelligence system is the best available to UK police forces."

Niche's market share of forces in the UK is 27%, making the company the market leader in the UK by a large margin. Niche RMS is also currently used by over 50% of Canadian police officers, including Canada's federal police agency, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and 20% of Australia's police officers, and since the beginning of 2010, has been chosen by five US law enforcement agencies, including the Department of the Interior, which has 6,000 officers across the US. Seven of the 25 largest police forces in the English-speaking world use Niche RMS.

Other UK forces using Niche RMS include Lincolnshire Police, West Yorkshire Police, South Wales Police, North Yorkshire Police, the Police Service of Northern Ireland, Cheshire Constabulary, Wiltshire Police, Hampshire Constabulary, Cleveland Police and North Wales Police.

### ABOUT NICHE TECHNOLOGY AND NICHE RMS

Niche Technology is a privately owned company incorporated in Canada and the UK, specializing in law enforcement software. Niche Records Management System (Niche RMS) is used by more than 75,000 sworn officers worldwide, and current implementation projects will see that number rise to over 100,000. The system is being used to create efficiencies and improve performance across a range of operational policing functions. Niche RMS is currently used by over 50% of Canadian police officers; 27% of UK police officers in 12 forces; 20% of Australia's police officers; and is now in production use in the US. Eight of the 25 largest police services in the English-speaking world have selected Niche RMS as their core operational police system. For more information, go to [www.nicherms.com](http://www.nicherms.com).

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