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West Yorkshire Police's New Technology Will Allow Them to Identify Criminals More Easily and Make Arrests More Quickly

WAKEFIELD, WEST YORKSHIRE – West Yorkshire Police (WYP) has moved to the forefront of the fight against crime with a revolutionary software program from Niche Technology Inc., which puts the full power of the storehouse of police data at the fingertips of officers.

WYP Superintendent Ray Dance says "Niche RMS will give West Yorkshire officers instant access to all the information the force has on file, from thousands of mugshots and offender entries to detailed information on incidents and digital geographic mapping."

The WYP force, Britain's fourth largest with 5,700 officers, began implementing the system on April 3, and plans a phased geographical rollout across its jurisdiction. WYP joins over 80,000 Niche system users in police forces throughout the UK, Canada, Australia and the US.

According to Superintendent Dance, the Niche Records Management System (RMS) has already enabled the force to identify critical information from the many records held on file.

Niche RMS provides a single system covering what were previously separate processes. It supports the business processes of Custody, Crime, Intelligence, Case Preparation and Property and is extending into the areas of Vehicle Recovery and Missing Persons.

The advantage of Niche over the previous systems is that all of the information relating to a person, vehicle or address is linked. The information is visible to all of the officers using the system, with firm and consistent controls over access levels and security.

Niche RMS provides an out-of-the-box solution that deals with the entire spectrum of WYP's police work. With thousands of crucial facts instantly available on their desktops, investigating officers can identify criminals more easily and make arrests more quickly.

The Mounties, Canada's national police force, adopted Niche RMS to give them countrywide efficiency. If someone commits a crime in one part of that vast country, then goes on the run, police everywhere know about it.

Police in North Wales, Merseyside, Cheshire, Hampshire, Cleveland, North Yorkshire and Northern Ireland are already using the Niche system. As word spreads, more forces are signing up. South Wales police implemented Niche RMS in late April, and Wiltshire police are scheduled to join up in July.

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.

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