

**"The Police Service is engaging with the other emergency services and Government Departments in the Home Office-led Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme.**

**This programme is ensuring a replacement to the current Airwave Services Limited contracts for supplying mobile communications, which come to an end in phases from 2016.**

**Whilst engaging with the Programme around the provision of an emergency services network solution which does not need reservation of specific spectrum for public safety at this time (which is the Home Office and Programme view), the Police Service retains concerns that such a reservation may, in fact, prove necessary and beneficial, particularly in the context of developments in Europe.**

**For this reason, we lodge this separate contribution to the OfCom consultation at this time, flagging up that there may need to be consideration given to reserving spectrum specifically for public safety and the emergency services. This is submitted in the spirit of Questions 7 and 11 within the OfCom 'Call for Inputs on the Future Use of the 700MHz Band' document."**