

## Terms of Reference

### Public Safety Spectrum Policy Group (PSSPG)

The PSSPG is a standing interdepartmental committee on emergency and public safety spectrum matters reporting to the Spectrum Implementation Group (SIG). It comprises representatives from Ofcom, government departments and devolved administrations. Other relevant organisations are invited to attend as required.

The Public Safety Spectrum Policy Group is responsible for:

1. advising SIG and Ofcom on the broad spectrum requirements to meet the essential needs of UK emergency service and public safety users<sup>1</sup> now and in the future, and the means by which those requirements might be met;
2. providing policy advice for Ofcom and UK Emergency and Public Safety Services on access to spectrum dedicated to emergency service and public safety use;
3. reviewing the spectrum dedicated to emergency service and public safety use with a view to rationalisation and improving the efficiency of spectrum use;
4. advising Ofcom on spectrum that has become surplus as result of changing emergency service and public safety operational requirements, and determining the timing and manner of release of such spectrum for other applications; assessing and advising Ofcom of any trades that are requested within the E&PSS spectrum;
5. ensuring that future access to Public Safety spectrum is consistent with the policy framework for spectrum management as determined by Government and Ofcom, as appropriate;
6. contributing to the development of that policy framework insofar as it concerns the availability and use of the spectrum for emergency service and public safety use.

The PSSPG will where necessary seek advice from and work with others where it determines that this would assist in reaching a decision. For operational policy issues this may include other government departments, agencies and SIG<sup>2</sup> sub-groups.

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<sup>1</sup> Emergency Service and Public Safety users defined by the PSSPG in a Joint Policy Statement.

<sup>2</sup> Spectrum Implementation Group supports active engagement across HMG domestic and international spectrum policy and governance, and provide the Spectrum Board with cross-government advice on spectrum policy priorities.