



# OPERATION GALILEO

## ILLEGAL HARE COURSING

### A National Approach to Hare Coursing

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# STRATEGIC PLAN

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# A National Approach to Hare Coursing

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**Prevention**

- By identifying our key offenders across 12 forces, we can have greatest impact
- We will grade those individuals and PIER activity will be proportionate and aligned to their grading
- Understanding the wider criminality of key offenders will identify opportunities to prevent their Hare Coursing

**Intelligence**

- Intelligence gathering will be focused on key individuals – proportionately and lawfully
- We will seek intelligence wherever possible from a wide range of sources
- We will share intelligence in such a way as to maximise the impact of enforcement opportunities

**Enforcement**

- We will share good practice to maximise enforcement impact
- We will explore use of all powers available – civil and criminal
- We will work with partners to develop enforcement opportunities

**Reassurance**

- By using Operation Galileo (#OpGalileo on Social Media) as the national brand, we show our key audiences that we have a coordinated, professional approach
- We will coordinate unannounced national days of action
- We will maximise impact of successes with partners
- We will review activity to learn and develop effective approaches



## Prevention

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- **By identifying our key target nominals across 12 forces, we can have greatest impact**

Terms of reference for NWCU Analyst to gather names from 12 forces (based on the 2018/19 season) and produce a list for the start of the 2019/20 season.

Showing that we have worked nationally and identified offenders who cause most harm means that we get greatest impact for our effort and will also be key to intelligence gathering.

- **We will grade those individuals and PIER activity will be aligned to their grading**

We will use a proportionate approach – those offenders identified as causing the greatest harm will be subject to the most attention. Our intention is to prevent offending whenever possible.

We will review regularly – Where prevention activity is believed to be effective, intelligence and enforcement activity will not be required. To be effective and efficient, our activity must be proportionate and lawful.

There will be prevention tactics that are likely to apply to more of the individuals and others that are only appropriate for those who cause the greatest harm.

- **Understanding the wider criminality of key offenders will identify opportunities to prevent their hare coursing involvement**

## Intelligence

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- **Intelligence gathering will be focused on key individuals**

The law requires that we take an evidenced and proportionate approach to gathering intelligence. We will only do that towards those who are identified as causing greatest harm.

- **We will seek intelligence wherever possible**

We recognise that there are many opportunities to gather intelligence. We will identify and use good practice that achieves the aim of preventing hare coursing.

- **We will share intelligence in such a way as to maximise the impact of enforcement opportunities**

By sharing the right intelligence in a timely manner we will be able to prevent offending.

## Enforcement

- **We will share good practice to maximise enforcement impact**

There are examples of effective tactics that have been used in some but not all force areas – we will work to ensure all forces are able to work to maximum impact for their effort.

- **We will explore use of all powers available – civil and criminal**

Beyond hare coursing we have seen the value in making use of civil Powers – we will take an approach that is about deterring, denying and defending not displacing offending.

We will seek to use all lawful means to deny offenders use of the tools of their offending.

- **We will work with partners to develop enforcement opportunities**

Dogs are the tool of this offending and we will work with local partners to develop tactics that deny offenders access and use of their tools to commit offences.

## Reassurance

- **By using Operation Galileo (#OpGalileo on Social Media) as the national brand, we show our key audiences that we have a coordinated, professional approach**

We know that our key audiences look at our social media output and by using a common brand we show an effective approach. We can share success more widely and show the impact we are having collectively.

A single brand raises awareness as the message is not diluted.

- **We will coordinate unannounced national days of action**

We will work together to maximise the national impact on targeted offenders and use common tactics and branding – it won't matter where you go, we will be there.

- **We will maximise impact of successes with partners**

Partners want to see effective use of resources and readily recognise that prevention is better than enforcement. They also recognise that success isn't confined to their local area – the fewer offenders who are active, the less likely they are to suffer.