

## **KENT POLICE TARGET BUSINESS CRIME**

**In a proactive move to tackle crime against businesses, Kent Police have agreed to part fund the upgrade of 15 Business Crime Reduction Partnerships throughout Kent, from the Business Information Crime System (BICS) to the National Business Information System (NBIS); the UK's first nationwide crime reduction software solution, from Hicom Business Solutions.**

Kent Police have contributed to the deployment of NBIS to 15 of their Business Crime Reduction Partnerships, including Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells, Canterbury and Dartford, and also intend to have a terminal at their police HQ in order to access and disseminate data direct to their partnerships.

Over the last few years, towns, cities and shopping centres in Kent have been establishing retail/business partnerships in order to identify persistent offenders, exclude them from their businesses and where appropriate obtain Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs). In order to effectively manage this information Kent Police adopted Hicom's Business Information Crime System (BICS). Developed in association with the Department of Trade and Industry and the British Retail Consortium over a number of years, BICS is now used by over 60 Crime Reduction Partnership schemes and 20 police forces throughout the UK.

Alan Dann, Project Manager Kent Police said "We have a proactive network of business partnerships in Kent and the benefits of data sharing and targeting offenders using BICS has been very successful. We see NBIS as the next logical step - providing a valuable contribution to the process of gathering information and intelligence sharing".

NBIS is designed specifically to link crime reduction partnerships and is the first to provide the capability to share data nationally on a live and proactive basis via a Virtual Private Network, to track and monitor persistent offenders, including those with ASBOs. The Hicom team and Kent Police recognise that dealing with crime before it occurs is the ultimate way of combating criminals. William Price (Director, Hicom) understands the need for accurate, up to date information on the criminal and the threat that they pose. "The most effective way to achieve this is through a national intelligence system which enables information to be securely shared between business crime reduction partnerships throughout the UK. This means that criminals and the threat of crime can be monitored more effectively, and crime reduced". Hicom's solution is NBIS, the National Business Information System.

If you would like further information on NBIS or other Risk Management systems from Hicom Business Solutions, please visit [www.hicom.co.uk](http://www.hicom.co.uk) or e-mail: [info@hicom.co.uk](mailto:info@hicom.co.uk).

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