

HITS LOCATIONS

HIGH INTEGRITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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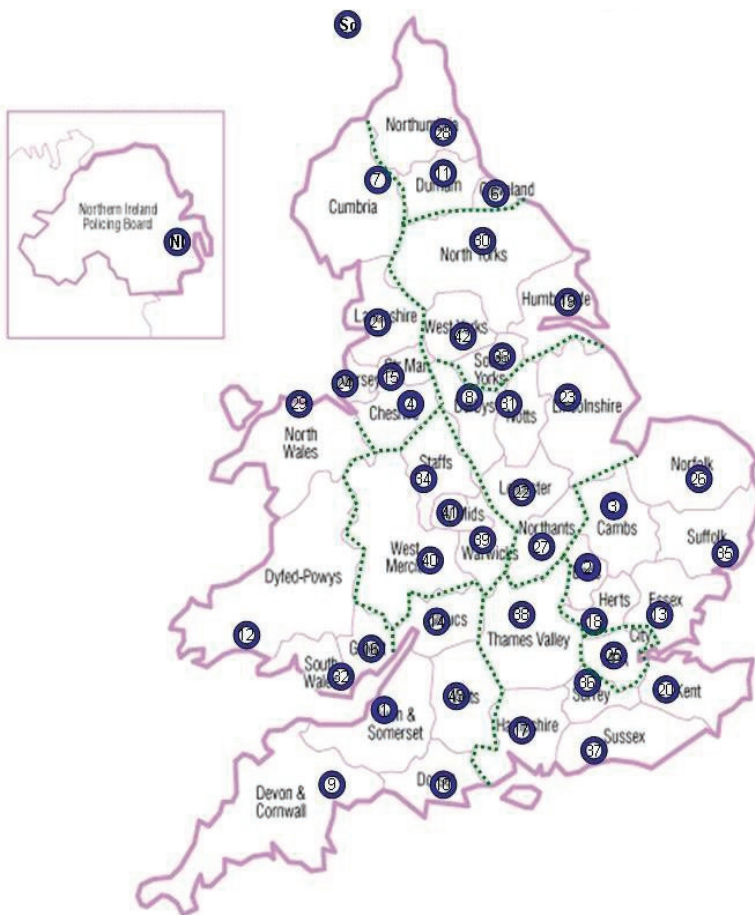
WHAT IS HITS?

There are many potential causes for disruption and failure of national telecommunications, and never before has the UK been so reliant on telecommunications. HITS is a **resilient and independent** telecommunications system that will still function when the main networks (such as landlines and mobile phones) are unavailable or degraded. HITS is designed to provide this essential service and will allow communication between National, Regional and Local levels of crisis coordination during almost all disruptive events.

WHY THESE SITES?

HITS is designed to be used in extreme events, and its main purpose is to allow emergency responders to communicate with Central Government and each other until routine communications are restored. Most emergency response situations will be lead by the Police at their Strategic Command Centres (SCCs), so the Core HITS network will be installed in each of the Police Force Areas in England and Wales. The Scottish Civil Contingencies Unit will be developing their own system that will interoperate fully with HITS.

WHERE?



The map shows where it is anticipated that the Core HITS sites will be located. In addition to the sites shown here, there will also be a pre-identified fall-back location for each Police Force Area (some may have more than one fallback location). The fallback sites will be used for deployment of the HITS Transportable equipment (see HITS Factsheet 5). Unlike the Core HITS Sites however, no installation work will be required for the fallback sites, as there will be no permanent HITS presence. The sites are intended for use only when the main HITS site in an area is unavailable (perhaps because it is inside an incident cordon), and it will help to facilitate deployment if a site has been pre-identified. As well as the Police Forces Strategic Command Centres, Core HITS will also include the Devolved Administrations and Cabinet Office Crisis Management Centres. The Cabinet Office is exploring the option of further phases of HITS which will expand the system beyond the Core Network. These might include Central Government Business Continuity Sites (Phase 5), Regional Government (Phase 6) and some of the Crown Dependencies (Phase 7). They are not shown on this map for purposes of clarity, and because the precise location of the sites are being determined. For more details on HITS locations, please contact the HITS Team (details below).

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please visit the HITS website for more details: www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/HITS
 If you have any questions please contact the HITS Team at HITS@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk

WHEN? HITS will be developed and tested during 2009, with IOC (Initial Operating Capability) at the end of the year. Full rollout of HITS should be complete by mid 2012.

