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WHAT ARE THEY?

The Transportable elements of the HITS network add another layer of portable communications resilience to the HITS. Unlike the Boxed Kit (see HITS Factsheet 4) which are operated by local responders, the Transportables are deployed and operated by Paradigm Services Ltd (the HITS supplier) personnel. The Transportables are at short notice to move.

The Transportables can in theory be deployed anywhere as they have their own generators, but in practice they will be deployed to one of the pre-identified fallback locations (see HITS Factsheet 2). The Transportables will come with a number of digital phones and laptops so that a mobile office can be set up where needed. Paradigm Services Ltd personnel will stay with or near the Transportable during its deployment to ensure that it operates correctly, and to be ready to dismantle the Transportable when normal communications are restored. The Transportables themselves will be Swedish CCT120 (the same as the Boxed Kit sites - see HITS Factsheet 4) as shown below:



WHAT IS HITS?

HITS is a satellite-based independent communications system that will use the advanced Skynet 5 military communications network (shown above). There will also be terrestrial connections to increase redundancy at most sites. It will be accredited to RESTRICTED and will allow digital transmission of both voice and data. Fixed sites will be located across the UK, supported by three sets of Transportable equipment that can be deployed as required.

WHO?

The core HITS network will be installed mainly in Police Strategic Command Centres (SCCs) across England and Wales. There will be one HITS site per Police Force Area. In addition, each of the Devolved Administrations will have HITS installed at an appropriate site. Core HITS will also include Central Government Crisis Management Facilities such as COBR.

FURTHER INFORMATION

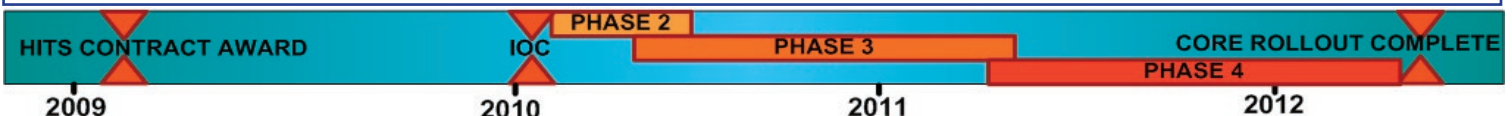
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www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/HITS

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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.



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