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### JOINT CIRCULAR NO. 36

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### Substance Misuse Policy

At the last Police Staff Council meeting on 26 October both sides agreed to explore the possibility of developing a model Substance Misuse policy at national level.

Due to the detailed work and discussions that will be necessary to complete this piece of work, it is difficult to predict the length of time it will take, although the PSC understands the need to resolve this quickly.

The PSC recognises the importance of having local substance misuse policies in place as soon as possible. However you may find it helpful to await the completion of the PSC model policy before introducing one at local level.

If you require any further information on this circular, please contact Graham Baird (020 7296 6722) or Emine Ali (020 7296 6746) at the Employer Side, or Ben Priestley (020 7551 1272) or Marian Jeffrey (020 7551 1549) at the Trade Union Side.

Yours faithfully,

**Sarah Messenger  
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**National Joint Secretaries**