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The National Crime Squad (Secretary of State's Objectives) Order 2002

Made - - - - -	*21st March 2002*
Laid before Parliament	*26th March 2002*
Coming into force - -	*1st April 2002*

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 71(1) of the Police Act 1997(**a**), after consultation in accordance with section 71(2) of that Act, the Secretary of State hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the National Crime Squad (Secretary of State's Objectives) Order 2002 and shall come into force on 1st April 2002.

2. The National Crime Squad (Secretary of State's Objectives) Order 1999(**b**) is hereby revoked.

3. The objectives for the National Crime Squad are—

(a) to dismantle or disrupt criminal enterprises engaged in serious and organised crime within or affecting England and Wales, where appropriate in partnership with other law enforcement agencies and authorities, by targeting those engaged in:

(i) class A drug trafficking (in support of the Government's interagency strategy for reducing the supply of class A drugs in the United Kingdom); and

(ii) organised immigration crime (in support of the Government's interagency strategy for combating organised immigration crime (people smuggling and human trafficking) affecting the United Kingdom);

(b) to dismantle or disrupt criminal enterprises engaged in other forms of serious and organised crime within or affecting England and Wales, according to agreed priorities, and maximising mutual support and co-operation with law enforcement agencies at local, national and international levels.

Home Office
21st March 2002

Bob Ainsworth
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State

(**a**) 1997 c. 50. Section 71(2) has been amended by the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16), sections 128(1) and 137, Schedule 6, Part 1, paragraphs 1, 18(a) and (b), Schedule 7, Part 5(1).
(**b**) S.I. 1999/821.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order sets out the Secretary of State's objectives for the National Crime Squad ("NCS"). These objectives replace those set out in the National Crime Squad (Secretary of State's Objectives) Order 1999 which is revoked by this Order. Section 48(5)(a) of the 1997 Act requires the NCS Service Authority to have regard to these objectives in the discharge of its functions. Section 50 of the 1997 Act requires the NCS Service Authority to issue a service plan which must give particulars of these objectives.

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