





PFCC SIGNATURE SUMMARY

		TICK/DELETE
AUTHORITY:	OPFCC	
	NCFRA	
	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE	X
	VICTIMS VOICE	
ITEM FOR DECISION/SIGNATURE:	SINGLE TENDER AUTHORISATION (STA)	
	STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS (SOR)	
	(TAR)	
	CONTRACT	
	VARIATION TO CONTRACT	X
	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW):	
REVIEWED BY:	COMMENTS FOR PFCC CONSIDERATION:	SUPPORT:
		Y/N
PROCUREMENT	For OPFCC and CC signing of a variation to the Forensic Services contract with Cellmark – a regional contract. All have been previously notified and are aware of the need to sign this document.	Y
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DECISION RECORD REQUIRED YES/NO

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