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NEWSLETTER

Seize and Sell



Message From Head of AMO

Welcome to the first edition of Seize and Sell, the newsletter for the Asset Management Office (AMO) for Policing.

The AMO has been established to strengthen how assets are managed across policing and wider Law Enforcement to ensure criminals cannot profit from their illegal activity, by improved management of the criminal assets.

Since going live in July 2025, we have focused on building the foundations of a national capability, engaging with forces and partners, reviewing current practices, and beginning the work to bring greater consistency and oversight to asset management.

Over the coming months, this newsletter will provide updates on our progress, highlight good practice, and share key developments including procurement, policy and the Asset Recovery IT (ARIT) system.

Martin Peters

Head of Asset Management Office





Progress Update - First 6 Months

Since becoming operational in July 2025, the AMO has engaged with all police forces and Regional Organised Crime Units (ROCs), reviewed existing practices, and begun building the foundations for a unified national approach.

What we've delivered so far

Since July 2025, the AMO has:

- Defined its mission, vision and values
- Engaged with all police forces and ROCs
- Reviewed current asset management practices and procurement approaches
- Supported PDS with the development of the Asset Recovery IT (ARIT) system
- Worked with the Home Office on relevant policy development
- Established international links with AMOs across Europe
- Begun planning for a national procurement framework
- Launched the AMO Knowledge Hub and LinkedIn presence

This work forms the foundation for a more consistent national approach.

Key developments underway include the creation of a national procurement framework, designed to improve value for money and consistency across policing, and the continued development of the Asset Recovery IT (ARIT) system, which will enhance visibility, reporting and oversight of assets nationwide. Also, we are preparing asset management-specific guidance for policing, with a view to updating the College of Policing APP.

By creating a more coordinated national approach, the AMO strengthens both the UK's operational response to economic crime and the financial integrity of the asset recovery system.

What is the Asset Management Office?

The City of London Police, as the National Lead Force for Economic Crime, established the Asset Management Office (AMO) for Policing to strengthen how criminal assets are managed across England and Wales and ensure offenders cannot profit from their crimes, by improved management of the criminal assets.

The AMO provides national leadership and coordination for asset management across policing.

It has been established to support the UK's compliance with Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Recommendations by strengthening central oversight and coordination of asset management.

The AMO focuses on three core areas:

- Leadership – setting national standards and influencing policy
- Operational Oversight – improving how assets are managed and reported
- International Collaboration – working with global partners

At its core, the AMO exists to ensure a consistent, professional approach that denies criminals the benefit of their actions.

Why asset management matters?

Seizing assets is only part of the process.

Assets must also be managed effectively, ensuring they are preserved, handled lawfully and ultimately disposed of appropriately.

Without proper management, assets can lose value or create additional costs.

The AMO is working to ensure:

- Greater consistency across forces
- Improved oversight and transparency
- Better coordination across the system

Because effective asset management is essential to ensuring crime does not pay.

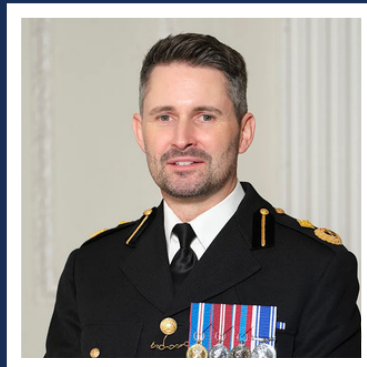


Asset Management Office supports development of the new Asset Recovery IT system

The NPCC Asset Management Office (AMO) is supporting the Police Digital Service (PDS) and NEC Software Solutions in the development of the new Asset Recovery IT (ARIT) system. ARIT will replace the Joint Asset Recovery Database and will form a key part of the Home Office's Anti Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Programme.

AMO is contributing expert advice, operational insight and user engagement to help shape a system that will meet the needs of practitioners across policing, law enforcement and government.

Nik Adams, National Coordinator for Economic and Cyber Crime and NPCC Lead for Financial Investigation and Asset Recovery, said: "ARIT is a major operational upgrade that will enhance law enforcement ability to recover criminal assets, disrupt organised crime, and protect communities. ARIT will also help forecast future returns, ensuring recovered funds are reinvested where they matter most supporting victims and delivering justice. Our current focus is on replacing the core elements of JARD as expeditiously as possible, developing the initial version of ARIT to introduce secure cloud-based technology and improved ways to work with international cases and crypto currency assets. Thereafter, continuous improvement will be at the heart of the system with future releases expected to strengthen integration with partner systems and provide better support for agencies involved in the recovery of assets held overseas or in digital currencies."



Nik Adams

National Coordinator for Economic and Cyber Crime and NPCC Lead for Financial Investigation and Asset Recovery

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PDS will invite operational users to take part in user testing, focus groups, system walk-throughs and reviews of training material. This engagement will help ensure ARIT is practical, intuitive and aligned with the needs of investigators, caseworkers and asset recovery teams across all agencies that will use the system.

Users who would like to take part in future testing or focus groups can contact the Asset Management Office. AMO will pass details to PDS so that interested users can be considered for upcoming sessions.

Andrew Mahoney, Deputy Head of the AMO, said: “AMO is committed to supporting PDS and NEC to deliver a system that works for the frontline. ARIT is an important step in improving how we record, manage and recover criminal assets. Our role is to ensure the operational community is heard and that the system reflects the needs of practitioners.”

Development will continue through iterative releases, testing and engagement with users across more than 180 organisations. The initial version is planned for 2027, after which agencies will transition from JARD to ARIT.

AMO will continue working with PDS, NEC and operational partners to ensure the system supports national priorities for economic crime and the effective use of recovered funds in the future.’

The AMO is supporting Police Digital Services in developing ARIT, a new system designed to improve how assets are tracked and managed.

ARIT will:

- Improve visibility of assets
- Support better decision-making
- Strengthen reporting and oversight

Further updates and guidance will follow as development progresses.

[Police Digital Service selects NEC Software Solutions UK Limited to deliver next-generation Asset Recovery IT system – Police Digital Service](#)

AMO is actively engaging with the Home Office, the CPS and a number of investigation teams across the UK to advance the ability to sell restrained assets prior to conviction.

The objective is to maximise asset value by encouraging wider use of Section 41(7) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, which enables the court, on application to vary a restraint order, to permit the sale of assets that are perishable, likely to depreciate in value, or where ongoing storage costs are disproportionate.



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Good practice spotlight

We will be using this section to highlight examples of effective asset management across policing.

If you have examples to share, please get in touch.

Get Involved

The AMO is working collaboratively with forces and partners across the UK.

You can support this work by:

- Engaging with consultations and surveys
- Sharing good practice and case studies
- Attending briefings and webinars
- Joining the AMO Knowledge Hub group: [Sign up here](#)