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Dear Lead Officer,

### **SPOCC Database and Microsoft SQL Server**

We announced in the recent SP Lead Officers meeting that after April 2009 we would no longer be supporting SQL Server 2000.

You should pass this letter to the person in charge of your I.T with relation to SPOCC as this is a completely technical matter and it is vital they get this so that any required planning can be done as early as possible.

Why are we doing this?

- Microsoft is stopping mainline support for SQL Server 2000 in April this year.
- To reduce risk and costs associated with supporting both SQL Server 2000 and 2005.
- New authorities want to use SQL Server 2005.

What does this mean to you?

- Whilst we will try and keep everything compatible in SPOCC so that it runs on SQL Server 2000 and SQL 2005 (until all local authorities have upgraded to SQL Server 2005) we will give no guarantee.
- Like Microsoft we won't fix errors in SPOCC that we find to be down to running on SQL Server 2000 even if the problem is a SPOCC flaw. However if the issue is causing you a big problem we can work with you to solve the problem and charge against your support contract.

Yours sincerely,

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