

MICAF Publishes Annual Report on Crime Reduction Charter August 2007

MICAF have published a report detailing the activities that have taken place in respect to the undertakings that were given in the MICAF Crime Reduction Charter which was signed off in July 2006. In the last 12 months progress has been made in all areas of the Charter undertakings. Specifically:

- Independent testing has shown a success rate of blocking stolen mobile phones across all UK Networks in excess of the agreed 80%
- Awareness of mobile phone security issues by users has led to some 21.7 million user accounts being created on www.immobilise.com a web site where users can register their phone details which will assist them if they are unfortunate to have their phone stolen at a future time
- Work with young people and especially schools to raise awareness of the issues surrounding the ownership and operation of mobile phones by young people

Home Office Minister Vernon Coaker said:

"The mobile phone industry should be congratulated for taking over 5 million lost and stolen mobiles out of action.

"This report reminds us that the mobile phone industry and Government can change the crime fighting landscape together. I know that the prompt, effective interventions by the industry to blacklist stolen phones are working hand in hand with the Government's current publicity campaign to drive home the message that stolen mobiles won't work. I look forward to seeing the fruits of our continuing collaboration over the coming year."

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