

This map highlights the true lack of national underwater search capability in the UK acknowledged in the College of Policing review.

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The search capability and resourcing in this case could not rely on an on-call capability.

It is recognised that this is a national challenge for searching.

Instead, goodwill was demonstrated by staff to fill these resourcing gaps.

One unit covering
the whole of
Scotland

One unit covering
the whole of
Nothern Ireland

Red colour by county No underwater search Unit
Blue colour by county shows underwater search unit
Green shows one underwater search unit covering the region.
Scotland is covered by one unit in blue
Northern Ireland is covered by one unit in blue

Red is dominant across the country
especially the South East and central England.



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Underwater search units scrapped along with dates.
Essex Police Underwater Search Unit disbanded 2002
North Yorkshire Underwater Search Unit disbanded 2005
Norfolk Police Underwater Search Unit disbanded 2008
Sussex Police & Marine Unit disbanded 2014
Thames Valley Police Underwater Search Unit disbanded 2016
Norfolk Fire & Rescue & Underwater Search team disbanded 2017

