

 West Mercia POLICE		POLICY
Security Classification	OFFICIAL	
Disclosable under Freedom of Information Act 2000	Yes	

POLICY TITLE	Community Safety Accreditation Scheme
POLICY REFERENCE NUMBER	WMP164
Version	1.0

POLICY OWNERSHIP	
DIRECTORATE	LOCAL POLICING
BUSINESS AREA	HARM REDUCTION

INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION DATE	July 2021
NEXT REVIEW DATE:	July 2024
RISK RATING	LOW
EQUALITY ANALYSIS	LOW

West Mercia Police welcome comments and suggestions from the public and staff about the contents and implementation of this policy.
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1.0 POLICY OUTLINE

This policy explains how West Mercia Police will implement Section 40 - 42 of The Police Reform Act 2002 in implementing the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS). This policy is primarily aimed at police officers and police staff engaged in the accreditation process and those working with approved organisations' and accredited employees.

2.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY

The purpose of the policy is to explain how Section 42 Police Reform Act 2002 allows the Chief Constable to accredit an employee of an approved organisation with powers to tackle anti-social behaviour. The Chief Constable will only approve employers who are fit and proper and designate employees who are suitable, capable and trained to the required standard. The powers exercisable are listed in Section 41 of the Police Reform Act 2002 (as amended). It is at the Chief Constable's discretion as to which powers will be designated. Powers will only be designated according to the needs of the community and their contribution towards crime, its reduction, the reduction of disorder and anti-social behaviour. Accredited employees will display identification and evidence of their accreditation, which will be produced on demand. The prime role is to increase feelings of public security and reassurance. The Chief Constable has established a CSAS and has consulted with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Local Authority in whose area it operates.

3.0 IMPLICATIONS of the POLICY

This policy takes into account:-

- Code of Ethics
- Code of Practice on the Management of Police Information
- Risks / Health and Safety considerations
- Human Rights / Equality / Data Protection / Freedom of Information
- Legal considerations
- Staffing / Training

4.0 CONSULTATION

Key stakeholders in the development of this policy are:-

The Critical Friends Group and local stakeholders

<i>Business Lead Consulted</i>	<i>Date Consulted</i>
Supt Edd Williams	June 2021

5.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

The history and rationale for change to policy will be recorded using the below chart:

Date	Author / Reviewer	Amendment(s) & Rationale	Date of Approval / Adoption
		Previously approved at JNCC meeting	JNCC 10/05/2017
Jun 2021	Sophie Paley	Reviewed – No changes, reverted to WMP Policy	July 2021

6.0 EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

A 'Health and Safety, Risk and Equalities Assessment' has been conducted and is available on a separate document.

7.0 MONITORING / EVALUATION

The monitoring and review of this policy is the responsibility of the policy owner.