

 West Mercia POLICE		POLICY
Security Classification	OFFICIAL	
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POLICY TITLE	Temporary Covert Alarms
REFERENCE NUMBER	WMP138
Version	1.0

POLICY OWNERSHIP	
DIRECTORATE	LOCAL POLICING
BUSINESS AREA	HARM REDUCTION

INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION DATE	February 2021
NEXT REVIEW DATE:	February 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. Please e-mail contactus@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

1.0 POLICY OUTLINE

This policy explains the circumstances, deployment and use by West Mercia Police of Temporary Covert Alarms.

2.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY

- 2.1 The purpose of the policy is intended to ensure that the risk to vulnerable persons and victims of crime is reduced and a high quality of service is delivered to them through the effective installation of a temporary covert alarm when appropriate. The policy does not apply to any permanent alarm system.
- 2.2 West Mercia Police are committed to protecting vulnerable people by its service delivery and best use of its resources.
- 2.3 This policy seeks to effectively respond to the needs of individuals to prevent and detect crime and inspire confidence and satisfaction in the police. It contributes in the delivery of protecting our people from harm.
- 2.4 The use of covert alarms should be:
 - Necessary
 - Proportionate
 - Relevant

3.0 IMPLICATIONS of the POLICY

3.1 Financial Implications

Any department requesting the installation and deployment of a National Monitoring Temporary Covert Alarm or TecSOS phone must consider that such deployment has financial implications.

3.2 Staffing / Training

All staff conducting risk assessments activities should have completed appropriate training to assist them in carrying out this role and it is the responsibility of the relevant department to ensure this takes place.

3.3 Risks

Non compliance with this policy and associated procedure may amount to risk of harm to victims.

4.0 MONITORING / EVALUATION

Monitoring and review of this policy is the responsibility of the policy owner

5.0 PROCEDURE

See separate document.

6.0 CONSULTATION

Key stakeholders in the development of this policy are:-

Critical Friends Group

Local Stakeholders

<i>Business Lead Consulted</i>	<i>Date Consulted</i>
Ch Supt LP	February 2021

7.0 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	Chief Officers 31/07/2017
Feb 2021	M Choudhury	Reviewed – No changes reverted to West Mercia Policy	Feb 2021

8.0 ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS

The Equality Analysis (EA), Health & Safety Assessment (HAS) and Risk Assessment (RA) associated with this document are available on request.