

**THE OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR DERBYSHIRE
DECISION RECORD**

Request for PCC Decision

**Received in OPCC
Date: MARCH 2024**

OPCC Ref: DN53-24

Request from Derbyshire Constabulary to pilot the use of Smartwater in Domestic Abuse Cases

In order to continue Safeguarding victims of Domestic Abuse and Stalking across Derbyshire, the force is asking for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner to purchase equipment from Smart Water and trial this approach in Derbyshire. The force proposes to use Smart Water in Derbyshire as a means of offering reassurance to victims of domestic abuse, Stalking and as an opportunity to gather evidence against perpetrators of those crimes.

Smart Water has recently been used in some domestic abuse cases to help victims feel safer and deter offenders from approaching victims and their property. While other protective measures exist (e.g., Domestic Abuse Protection Notices), these rely on victims reporting breaches and providing evidence in court, placing responsibility on already vulnerable individuals. Additionally, evidence is difficult to corroborate and often victims do not want to provide testimony in court.

Smart Water overcomes these issues by focusing on offenders and making the idea of approaching victims and/or their property less appealing due to the outcome for offenders. It thus aims to deter offences from being committed, and if this cannot be achieved, provide best evidence in court.

Smart Water is delivered in multiple ways; for example, a grease used on door handles, fence posts, windows and other property belonging to victims; a spray for use if offenders approach victims or if victims are away from their property; and an alarm system used to notify police of offenders' activities.

Decision

Approved

Declaration

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. Any such interests are recorded below.

None

The above request has my approval.

Signature



Date 28 March 2024

PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS

Is the related Section B report to be published Yes/No

The report contains commercially sensitive information.

Is the publication of this approval to be deferred No

If Yes, provide reasons below

Date to be deferred to –

NB Statutory Instrument 2011/3050 (as amended by SI 2012/2479) states that: *all decisions made by a PCC are in the types of information that must “be published as soon as practicable after it becomes available to the elected local policing body”.*

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Nominee:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Name Andrew Dale

Date 28 March 2024