



Cleveland Police Temporary Alarm Scheme Policy Statement

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Cleveland Police maintains a capability to provide short-term alarm installations to prevent and detect crime to otherwise unprotected people or property. These alarms are used mainly in cases of repeat victimisation, witness protection and vulnerable persons or premises.

Historically, these installations have been carried out by police crime prevention staff and monitored through Force Control Room. From 1st June 2004 an external service provider, National Monitoring, has been carrying out installations, maintenance, monitoring and removal of the alarms.

Utilising approved local engineers they respond to any installation or maintenance request and, if necessary, will be on site anywhere in the Force area within 4 hours or by agreed appointment. They will also arrange for the removal of an alarm within 24 hours of the request being made. In the majority of cases the installation and removal will be by appointment.

The management of the Temporary Alarms process has been devolved to District budgetary control and is no longer managed centrally.

Whilst overall control rests with the District Commander it is expected that local arrangements for the management of Temporary Alarms will be introduced.

It is anticipated that the responsibility for the operational management of Temporary Alarms on districts will be passed to the Crime Prevention Officers, who will initiate local audit and monitoring arrangements.