

# Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) POLICY (only)

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# Policy

## Statement

This policy provides a framework for Merseyside Police to deliver operational excellence in relation to the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), its' related technology and the national guidance provided through the NPCC - National ANPR Standards for Policing. Lists of the accredited documents are included as appendices to this policy and should be consulted where it is deemed appropriate to do so. This policy is also compliant with the National Police Chiefs Council ANPR Standards (NASPLE).

This policy has been developed taking into consideration the requirements of the Human Rights Act 1998, GDPR 2018 and Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. Recourse has also been made to the Criminal Procedure Investigations Act 1996 and the Management of Police Information.

Merseyside Police recognise that whilst the vast majority of people who travel on the roads of Merseyside are going about their lawful business, there are also those who choose to pursue criminal activity through the use of vehicles. This is unacceptable to Merseyside police and the communities it serves.

Using mobile, static fixed site and rapid deployment ANPR cameras we will restrict the availability of travelling criminals to move freely around Merseyside and target the vehicles they use. Utilising the search tools incorporated with the Cleartone BOF, analytical tools incorporated with the Cleartone Software, CORVUS and the National ANPR Service (NAS), we will be able to react quickly to developing situations and track the movements of those involved in criminality.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the ANPR Strategy, which provides clear ownership regarding significant roles and responsibilities within Merseyside Police.

## Aims

This policy draws from the Chief Constable's Strategy of Working as ONE TEAM we will put the needs of our communities first in everything we do. Central to this strategy is to Provide specialist capabilities to protect our communities from individuals who use our roads to:

- Engage in terrorist activity.
- Commit Serious and Organised crime.
- Cross borders to commit crime.
- Jeopardise the safety of others.

The ANPR infrastructure will provide Merseyside Police with a static capability and vehicle capability that will allow the police to provide:

- Effective live time monitoring and intercept
- Investigative capability
- Intelligence gathering capability.
- ANPR data analysis

This will ensure a safer county, increased detections and protection against national, regional, and local threats and criminality.

## Application and Scope

All employees and those working voluntarily or under contract to Merseyside Police must be aware of and are required to comply with, all relevant policy and associated procedures and guidance within this policy.

This is a non-statutory policy that sets out the principles to help guide decision making. It provides guidance that, on occasions, officers and staff may depart from based on the particular circumstances they encounter. On such occasions, officers and staff will be supported provided they can demonstrate a clear rationale which can be objectively justified for why they have departed from the policy.

## Legal Basis

ANPR data is police information within the meaning of Home Office (2005) Code of Practice on Management of Police Information as set within Authorised Professional

Practice from the College of Policing made under the Police Act 1996 and Police Act 1997 and may be shared between policing organisations in accordance with the provisions of that Code.

The access to and subsequent retention and management of ANPR data obtained by policing organisations must be compatible and consistent with obligations that arise under:

- 1) Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and the Council, of 24 October 1995, on the protection of individuals regarding the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data,
- 2) GDPR 2018.
- 3) The Human Rights Act 1998, and Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, namely the right to respect for family and private life.
- 4) Home Office (2005) Code of Practice on Management of Police Information
- 5) National ANPR Standards for Policing and Law Enforcement 2019
- 6) Data Protection Act 2018

## Outcome Evaluation

The evaluation process will be managed under the terms of the National ANPR Steering Group supported by the National ANPR User Group. The Force ANPR Manager will be responsible for ensuring the policy reflects current national policy and the needs of Merseyside Police.