

Police Strategic Vision for Electronic Monitoring (EM)

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Executive Summary

This vision sets out a transformative approach to Electronic Monitoring (EM) in policing and criminal justice post stabilisation. It proposes a future-ready, intelligence-led system that enhances public protection, supports judicial decision-making, and enables proactive crime prevention. By leveraging real-time data, automation and integrated technologies, EM will evolve from a reactive tool to a strategic asset in managing risk, safeguarding victims and disrupting criminal networks.

Strategic Objectives

1. Tagging at Source: Immediate Risk Management

- All individuals subject to EM will be tagged at the point of judicial decision—whether at court or upon release from custody.
- Devices will be self-charging and capable of dual functionality (e.g. GPS and alcohol / drugs monitoring), ensuring continuous operation and reducing breach risks.

2. Real-Time Intelligence for Policing

- EM data will be accessible to police in real time, with robust safeguards, enabling immediate intervention in high-risk scenarios.
- Automation will flag critical breaches—proximity alerts, exclusion zone violations, and non-association conditions—directly to operational units.

3. Expanded Crime Mapping and Investigative Utility

- EM data will be integrated with national crime mapping systems to support investigations across a broader spectrum of offences, including serious violence and RASSO.
- This capability will extend to individuals on bail and within other EM cohorts, not just post-sentence, enabling early intervention and risk mitigation.

4. Judicial Empowerment and Flexibility

- Courts will be empowered to deploy EM as a preventative tool, even where remand is not deemed necessary.
- A full suite of dual-use tags will be available to support proportionate and tailored conditions.
- Use of incentives and consequences to shift behaviours

5. Victim-Centric Safeguarding

- Victims will be offered mobile proximity alert devices, enabling dynamic protection beyond static exclusion zones.
- This innovation ensures perpetrators cannot exploit gaps in traditional safeguarding measures when away from a dwelling.
- targeted pilots across preventative orders, embedding it within a broader, integrated safeguarding framework.

6. Strategic Data Utilisation

- EM data will be used to retrospectively analyse serious crimes, identifying potential suspects and corroborating timelines.
- Police will be able to view all tagged individuals within a defined area and timeframe, enhancing investigative reach.

7. Performance and Compliance Analytics

- Live performance dashboards will provide granular insights into individual compliance, breach history, and system-wide trends.
 - This “single source of truth” will inform sentencing, bail decisions, and resource allocation.
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Strategic Rationale

- **Immediate Control Measures:** Tagging at source addresses the critical post-release risk window, ensuring immediate oversight.
- **Technological Resilience:** Self-charging devices reduce operational friction and enhance reliability.
- **Behavioural Insight:** Dual-use tags enable nuanced control, such as conditional access based on sobriety.
- **Safeguarding Agility:** Real-time tracking supports rapid response to vulnerable individuals and high-risk scenarios.
- **Investigative Precision:** EM data enhances crime mapping, enabling targeted investigations and reducing reliance on traditional intelligence.
- **Judicial Adaptability:** Legislative reform should support EM deployment based on risk prevention, not solely remand eligibility.
- **Victim Empowerment:** Mobile alert devices shift safeguarding from static to dynamic, empowering victims and enhancing police responsiveness.
- **Operational Intelligence:** Performance data supports strategic decision making, ensuring EM is used effectively and proportionately.