

## Dyfed Powys Case Study



Dyfed Powys Police area comprises four counties, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys. Each County Council has adopted a different approach in respect of the provision and monitoring of CCTV. Additionally there had been no standardised approach to the CCTV systems adopted by other public bodies and those private businesses that are required to operate CCTV (i.e. licensed premises). This had resulted in a fragmented approach, with a myriad of different operating and recording systems. In a criminal justice context the current systems can fail to act as a deterrent (prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour) and often cannot be used as evidence in a court setting (tackling of crime).

Instrom were appointed to carry out a strategic review of the provision of CCTV monitoring throughout the Dyfed Powys Police area on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC).

With increasing pressures on Local Authority and Policing budgets, a coherent integrated plan was required. Instrom carried out extensive consultations with stakeholders from all parties and a review of the current provision within the area. The resulting report was well received by the PCC and its partners and formed the basis for Policy for CCTV monitoring in the area.

In carrying out the review Instrom visited all the sites within the Dyfed Powys Police area to review the quality of the equipment, its application and the monitoring arrangements. We consulted with all the local authority partners, the Crown Prosecution Service and others to establish what each stakeholder expected from CCTV monitoring.

Key outputs from the review included:

- A detailed assessment of the current CCTV provision across Dyfed Powys.
- Evaluation of evidence of crime detection and prosecutions resulting from CCTV evidence.
- Recommendations for future CCTV use including the use of tactical CCTV deployment through mobile units and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV's).
- A standard specification for CCTV systems for licensed premises
- Cost benefit analysis for alternative options to the current CCTV monitoring provision.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (Mr Salmon) commented: "This report has helped inform my planning for the future of CCTV across Dyfed-Powys. We need to make decisions based on evidence, given reduced funding."



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