The importance of live data sharing



Why sharing information with your BCRP matters

Live intelligence that prevents crime



See it. Share it. Prevent it.

INTRODUCTION

Why sharing information matters

Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) rely on live, real-time information sharing to prevent crime, protect staff and support safer town centres. Unlike retrospective reporting to retailers' internal systems or the police, BCRP reporting focuses on in-the-moment intelligence that enables immediate action. We acknowledge that the full application of live data sharing is most effective for manned services spanning vast operating hours, whereas part-time or unstaffed formats may engage differently.



01 Retrospective vs real-time reporting

Retrospective

Retailer internal reporting and police reporting are often focused on recording/investigating offences. These are still important, but may not provide the same immediate warning to neighbouring businesses.

BCRP Reporting: Live and Proactive

BCRP reporting is live, real-time and proactive. It includes sightings, deters, associations, antisocial behaviour and photographs.

Report to your BCRP to prevent crime: share it, see it, communicate it, prevent it.

02 Preventing future crime

Sharing intelligence instantly helps other businesses avoid becoming victims. It supports:

- Early alerts to retailers, rangers, store security, CCTV and police.
- Real-time communication via radio and instant messaging.
- Building the wider intelligence picture for the whole area.
- Identifying suspicious behaviour before it escalates.





03 Early intervention and partnership action

Instant reporting triggers immediate partnership responses.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

- Rangers and police can intervene early.
- Staff receive instant support.
- Offenders learn crime will not go unchallenged.
- Early alerts raise the alarm and prevent escalation.

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

Early intervention also contributes to long-term outcomes, including:

- Building an intelligence picture around repeat/prolific offending.
- Demonstrating prolific offending patterns.
- Supporting formal interventions such as Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs), civil banning, ancillary orders, and Integrated Offender Management (IOM).

04 Accuracy and avoiding mistaken identity

Sharing photographs early:

- Helps identify offenders correctly.
- Prevents mistaken identity.
- Strengthens the accuracy of intelligence records.



05 Police and BCRP reporting complement each other

Police reporting

Retrospective, used for investigation and statistics.

BCRP reporting

Live, preventative, protects other retailers immediately.

TOGETHER THEY

- Link offences committed by unknown offenders.
- Protect the wider community.
- Build trend analysis and hotspot mapping.
- Support BCRP tools such as warning letters and banning orders.



06 Faster feedback and better outcomes

Retailers often receive limited feedback from police or internal systems. BCRPs provide:

- Quick responses.
- Hotspot analysis.
- Identification of repeat offenders.
- Faster intelligence linking than police systems alone.

07 Targeted reporting

Reporting unknown offenders to the BCRP helps:

- Link multiple offences to one prolific offender.
- Advise retailers when police reporting is required.
- Ensure the BCRP receives all relevant police reference numbers.

This strengthens both police investigations and BCRP intelligence.

08 The importance of instant reporting

Instant reporting is essential for effectiveness. It alerts:

- **Police**
- **CCTV**
- **Rangers**
- **Other retailers**

The faster information is shared, the faster crime can be detected, prevented and deterred across the whole area.



THE PAYOFF

The instant results of instant reporting

Twelve outcomes that live, real-time sharing delivers for staff, retailers and the wider community.

01 Recovery of stolen stock.

02 Prevention of further thefts.

03 Protection of other retailers.

04 CCTV monitoring and evidence capture.

05 CCTV guiding police to offenders.

06 Monitoring offender movements.

07 Partnership action to support staff.

08 Evidence capture for breaches (for example, CBOs).

09 Improved staff morale and community confidence.

10 Support for staff safety and retention.

11 Identification of repeat offender patterns.

12 Prevention of victimisation through early deterrence.



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