

WILTSHIRE POLICE FORCE POLICY



RECOVERY OF CRIMINAL ASSETS

Effective from: May 2005
Last Review Date: September 2020
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Next Review Date: September 2022

POLICY STATEMENT

The Wiltshire Police are committed to building a safer community by ensuring that individuals do not financially benefit or profit from criminal activity.

With the effective identification, confiscation and recovery of criminal assets, we aim to reduce the quantity of funds available for future criminal endeavours, thereby lessening the impact of crime on our community.

By the confiscation of criminal assets we will work to reduce the expectant quality of life of offenders and deter the creation of role models for potential recruits into criminal life.

POLICY AIM

- Reducing and detecting crime
- Develop safer communities through partnerships
- Ensure continuing organisational development.

APPLICABILITY

This policy relates to all Police Officers, Police Staff and Special Constables.

LEGAL BASIS AND DRIVING FORCE

The legal basis within which this policy is to operate can be found in:

- Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
- Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- Magistrates Courts Act 1980

Other legislation may be relevant to the issue of asset recovery and the above list is not exhaustive.

RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES and OTHER DOCUMENTS

[Seizure and Retention of Money Procedure](#)

[CPS Proceeds of Crime Guidance](#)

AUTHORISED PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Investigation > Investigative Strategies > Financial Investigation > [Asset Recovery](#)

DATA PROTECTION

Any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual recorded as a consequence of this policy will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018, General Data Protection Regulations and the Force [Data Protection Policy](#).

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

This document has been assessed as suitable for public release.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

This policy will be monitored through the:

- Quality of items booked into Special Property (and subsequent rejections)
- Legal compliance relating to the handling storage, retention and disposal of Money seized,
- Maintaining of integrity and correct management of Special Property throughout its lifecycle

This policy will be next reviewed in September 2022 by the FAIT Manager.

WHO TO CONTACT ABOUT THIS POLICY

This Policy is the responsibility of the Financial and Asset investigation Team.

DOCUMENT ADMINISTRATION

Ownership:

Department Responsible: HQ Crime - Financial Asset Investigation Team
Policy Owner/Author: Supt. Steve KIRBY / Lou MARTIN
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Revision History:

Revision Date	Version	Summary of Changes
24.05.2017	1.0	Reviewed no amendment - adapted from old template to new policy template.
25.05.2018	1.0	Data Protection section amended to reflect implementation of GDPR and new DPA.
21.09.2020	1.0	Reviewed – no amendments. Change of Policy Owner

Approvals:

This document requires the following approvals:

Name & Title	Date of Approval	Version
Continuous Improvement Team	25.09.2020	1.0
SCT/ACC/ACO* *(Delete as appropriate)	N/A	
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Consultation:

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Implications of the Policy:

Training Requirements

None

IT Infrastructure

None