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2026/195 - Technology-facilitated abuse/technology-facilitated violence and abuse.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. I am requesting any force level policies or guidance around the policing response to technology-facilitated abuse/technology-facilitated violence and abuse.

We do not have a specific technology-facilitated abuse policy. We use NCSC guidance on technology-facilitated domestic abuse and VAWG. All frontline and detective resources have access to specialist Digital Media Investigators and Digital Forensic investigators in force for support, guidance and specialist investigation .

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/guidance-for-practitioners-supporting-victims-of-technology-facilitated-domestic-abuse>

2. Any TecSAFE data (if adopted in this force) from the last 5 years in relation to prevalence of use and types of offences recorded (specifically interested in the tech-related incidents)

Currently we have 50 licences registered to victims in our force area. We have 10 remaining free to issue. The licences are funded by the force specifically for Domestic Abuse (DA) although TecSafe could be used in other policing scenarios.

Domestic Abuse Officers use their own professional judgement as to which victims this may be appropriate for and of course whether the victims themselves wish to use it. Generally, it's considered for High-Risk DA victims.

Due to TecSafe's Data Protection Policy they delete all victim data on licences that have been returned from a victim. These licences can be reissued to another victim however this does mean that I can't search the system for total numbers of licences used over time. I can estimate that approximately another 10-20 licences have been used and returned within that time period.

TecSafe could be issued after any type of DA related incident such as assault /NFS /stalking /harassment.

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