

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request of 3 March to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). I apologise for the delay in replying to you and confirm that this has been handled under the FOI Act 2000 and that MOPAC does hold information relating to your request; please see responses below and the spreadsheet attached.

1 - The specific knife-related or domestic abuse-related offences which make an individual eligible to be tagged in the pilot scheme, and the date on which the offences were included in (and if relevant, removed from) the pilot scheme.

- The knife crime pilot started in February 2019. Cases are eligible to be included in the pilot if the offence for which they are currently serving a prison sentence for, or a new offence that they have been charged with while on licence, involved the use of a knife or a bladed/sharpened weapon. These criteria have not changed since the start of the pilot.
- The domestic abuse pilot started in March 2021. Cases are eligible to be included in the pilot if the offence for which they are currently serving a prison sentence for, or a new offence that they have been charged with while on licence, meets the standard government definition of domestic abuse; namely "Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality". These criteria have not changed since the start of the pilot.

2 - Whether conviction for any other offences not indicated in response to paragraph 1 have, at any time during the pilot scheme, made individuals eligible to be tagged as part of the pilot scheme. If so, please provide details of these specific offences and confirm the date on which they were included in (and if relevant, removed from) the pilot scheme.

The criteria above have not changed since the two pilots started.

3 - The total number of individuals who have been eligible to be tagged under the pilot scheme since February 2019 until current day (inclusive). In respect of each relevant offence (under paragraphs 1 and 2 above) for which individuals became eligible to be tagged under the pilot scheme, please provide a demographic breakdown of eligible individuals including by: a. sex/gender; b. ethnicity; c. age; d. London borough in which the individual was imprisoned; and e. London borough into which the individual was released.

Data is not collected on potentially eligible cases who are subject to prison sentences and later probation supervision but are not referred into the pilots. Whether an offence meets the criteria outlined above depends on the individual details of each case and the assessment of the supervising Probation Practitioner and as such data is not available and these assessments are not made on those who might be eligible for the pilot, but are not referred.

4 - The total number of individuals who have been tagged under the pilot scheme since February 2019 until current day (inclusive). In respect of each relevant offence (under paragraphs 1 and 2 above) for which individuals became eligible to be tagged under the pilot scheme, please provide a demographic breakdown of individuals who have been tagged including by: a. sex/gender; b. ethnicity; c. age; d. London borough in which the individual was imprisoned; and e. London borough into which the individual was released.

To date 144 cases have been made subject to GPS licence conditions as part of the domestic abuse pilot. To date 759 cases have been made subject to GPS licence conditions as part of the knife crime pilot. Please see attached breakdown of both pilots by gender, ethnicity, age and borough of release. Data is not collected based on the borough in which individuals are imprisoned in.

5 - Annex C to the DPIA states that the end date for the pilot scheme is 31 March 2022. The DPIA seems to have been last updated in May 2021. Please confirm the current end date for the pilot scheme.

The current end date for the pilot is 31/3/23

6 - Annex C to the DPIA also states that, despite the 31 March 2022 end date, some of those subject to GPS tagging would continue to be monitored until 31 September 2022. Please provide details of this additional monitoring including: a. which data will be collected in this additional monitoring period; b. the criteria by which the individuals that will continue to be monitored will be selected; and c. the purpose of this additional monitoring period.

The end date for the pilots refers to the last date at which new tags can be imposed as part of licence conditions. Tags are normally imposed for a maximum period of up to six months. The purpose of the monitoring during this period will remain the same as at the other times in the pilot (see below).

7 - Please provide the parameters by which success or failure of the pilot scheme will be assessed (or alternatively confirm if these are not known), and whether the scheme will be assessed by MOPAC or independently (and if so, by whom).

The aims of the GPS tagging knife crime pilot are:

- That GPS data is used to improve the management of the risk posed to known adults, children and the public.
- That GPS improves the enforcement of licence conditions and increases deterrence from further offending.
- That location data is used to challenge offender's thinking and lifestyle and improves rehabilitation.
- That GPS location data is shared appropriately for enhanced crime detection.

The aims of the GPS tagging domestic abuse pilot are:

- That offenders subject to GPS have their thinking and behaviour challenged and positively changed through the use of location data in supervision
- That GPS data is used to improve the management of the risk posed to past, current and future partners and other known adults and children and becomes an integral part of risk management plans
- That GPS monitoring acts as a deterrent to domestic abuse perpetrators
- That GPS monitoring increases the effectiveness of enforcement action and managing compliance with licence conditions, particularly exclusion zones
- That best practice learning is developed around how priority cases can be identified and how information on these cases can be shared with police, victim/survivor safety agencies and other professionals, within legal boundaries and ICO guidelines.

Both pilots will continue to be evaluated by the MOPAC Evidence and Insight team.

8 - Whether MOPAC will write and publish a report on the pilot scheme, and if so when MOPAC intends that such a report will be published. If MOPAC does not intend to publish any such report, please explain the reasons for this.

To date three evaluation reports have been published by the MOPAC Evidence and Insight team on the MOPAC website (link below) covering GPS tagging pilots. Evaluation reports will continue to be published as the pilots continue.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/data-and-statistics/academic-research>

9-Whether MOPAC will update and publish the updated Equality Impact Assessment for the pilot scheme following its conclusion. If so, please confirm when MOPAC intends to do so.

The Equality Impact Assessment for the pilots remains a live document that will be kept up-to-date as data and knowledge about the pilot continues to develop.

10 - Please provide the possible options that MOPAC may pursue after the conclusion of the pilot scheme. Specifically: a. Is MOPAC considering extending the timeframe for the scheme? b. Is MOPAC considering further extending the types of eligible offences included in the scheme? c. Is MOPAC considering rolling out the scheme across other London boroughs, or does MOPAC know of any plans to roll the scheme out nationally?

Please see PCD 1157, forthcoming on the MOPAC website (link below), that sets out the latest formal decision making in relation to two MOPAC GPS pilots. Both pilots now cover all of London.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/mopac-decisions-0?order=DESC>

11 - Please provide the timeframe for a decision to be taken on what next steps to pursue after the conclusion of the pilot scheme

Please see PCD 1157, forthcoming on the MOPAC website, that confirms that the existing two MOPAC GPS pilots will be continued until March 2023.

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information requests, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>