

## How could GPS tagging help to reduce my risk of reoffending or breaking my conditions?

We hope the support of having conditions that are specific to you, based on your own risk factors will help you to feel supported to successfully complete your licence period in the community.

Wearing the **GPS tag** alone will not stop you from offending or breaching your conditions, however the requirements linked to it should help you to avoid places and situations that could increase your risk of reoffending.

A **GPS tag** could benefit you in a number of ways including:

- it can give you a reason to stay out of trouble. You will know that if you commit a crime, the police may be able to see where you were
- it can help prove your innocence. If you are a suspect for a crime you didn't do, the GPS tag could show that you couldn't have done it, as you weren't there
- less hassle for your family or friends (because the monitoring staff don't have to knock on your door to see if you are in)
- showing other agencies that you are trying to change. The data from the tag can show that you are keeping to your monitoring conditions
- helping your family and friends trust you more. The data from the tag will show that you are making an effort to change

## What happens with the data

Relevant information gathered will be used to monitor your compliance with your licence conditions. If you fail to meet any of the conditions you may be recalled to prison custody.

Where justified, the information gathered, including your location data, may be shared with Criminal Justice Agencies, including the Police for other purposes such as the prevention and detection of crime.



## Electronic Monitoring (EM) Global Positioning System (GPS)satellite tagging pilot

Find out what this could mean for you if:

Your release address is within the **BeNCH (Bedford, Northants, Cambridge and Herts)** area and:

You are due to be considered for Home Detention Curfew;  
You have been recalled to prison and are being considered for re-release;  
You are serving an Indeterminate Prison Sentence (Lifer or IPP) and are due to be considered for parole;  
You have been released on licence and your offender manager is considering recalling you to prison.

Or

Your release address is within the **Midlands (Leicester, Nottingham, Staffs and West Mids)** and you are serving an Indeterminate Prison Sentence (Lifer or IPP) and are due to be considered for parole.

## What is this pilot?

As part of this pilot you may have to have a GPS tag fitted if you are released from prison between October 2016 and October 2017 to support you through some, or all, of your period of licence.

## What is EM GPS satellite tagging?

Electronic Monitoring (EM) is the official name for tagging.

A 'GPS tag' uses signals from satellites to monitor the location of the tag being worn. The information can be used in a number of ways including:

- monitoring a persons whereabouts
- monitoring compliance with an exclusion zone
- monitoring attendance at appointments

Under current tagging arrangements, offenders keep to a curfew requirement.

They are monitored using radio frequency technology which communicates any breach of the requirements or violations to a monitoring centre.

## How long will the pilot run for?

The pilot will run for 18 months.

No new tags will be fitted after October 2017, however tags already fitted could remain in place up to the end of March 2018.

## What do I need to do?

You do not need to do anything.

If you meet the criteria, you will be considered for the pilot.

However, if you are an Indeterminate Sentenced Prisoner or a licence recall you may wish to discuss your specific risk factors with your offender manager.

## What are the criteria?

1. You are from the BeNCH area and are due to be considered for Home Detention Curfew within the time frame; or
2. You are from the BeNCH or Midlands area, are serving an Indeterminate Prison Sentence (ISP), Lifer or IPP sentence and are due to be considered for parole within the time frame; or
3. You are from the BenCH area and have been recalled to prison having breached your licence conditions and are being considered for re-release within the time frame.
4. You are from the BeNCH area, serving a period of licence after being released from prison and you are being considered for recall.



## Who is my offender manager?

Your offender manager is based in the community and works for the National Probation Service or a Community Rehabilitation Company.

They are responsible for your supervision during your sentence, both in prison and on licence.

Your offender manager will help and support you to work towards being released back into the community.

If you have been recalled, they will contact you to discuss why you were recalled and to consider a new risk management plan or to advise you of what you need to do in prison before you can be safely re-released into the community.

If you are due to be considered for parole, your offender manager will write a report for the Parole Board, telling them how you would be managed in the community if you were re-released.

## Will this delay my release?

No, it could increase your chances of being released rather than remaining in custody.

