Dementia
&
Greater Manchester Police

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Missing Persons

The ‘Eyes & Ears’ Option

• Appropriate for extremely vulnerable missing persons
• Involves the police making contact with various types of employees who can act as additional eyes and ears in the community
• Dementia Buddy Devices
Concern for Welfare

• Welfare checks for an individual physically or mentally unwell require the presence of professionals / services who are trained.

• Police core duties are to prevent and detect crime, keep the Queen’s peace and protect life and property.

• Police will always attend for life and limb scenarios and support other professionals if there is an immediate risk of violence.
Daily Mail Headline: ‘Dementia care staff call police thousands of times each year’

Police are being called out thousands of times a year to deal with dementia patients, an investigation has found.

Most incidents involved patients who had gone missing but call-outs also included incidents where care home or hospital staff had become unable to cope.
BBC News Headline: Handcuffing of Alzheimer's man, 84, criticised by daughter

The daughter of a patient with dementia who was handcuffed by police in an ambulance has described the move as "excessive".

An officer restrained him as he tried to flee an ambulance taking him to Tameside General Hospital.

"...My father weighs seven stone, he is frail and has Alzheimer's," said his daughter.

The chief constable of Greater Manchester Police (GMP) said the police callout was "inappropriate".
Ongoing Commitment

• Dementia Pledge & Action Plan
• Roll out of Dementia Friend’s Sessions
• Support Dementia Friendly Community efforts
• Distribute Emergency Information cards (E Cards)
• Crime prevention advice – door step crime
• Disability Hate Crime Awareness
• Staff Dementia Carer Support Group
Thank you for listening.

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