

# Dispersal Orders

## Executive Summary:

The purpose of this policy document and supporting procedures is to set out a new approach to enforcing Dispersal Orders across West Midlands Police. It is being introduced in order to provide additional support to the officers and staff, specifically by expediting the process and reducing bureaucracy. The ultimate objective is to improve the enforcement process, which will support and reduce harm caused to members of the community in which it serves.

It details the roles and responsibilities of management and employees, including the need for appropriate and proportionate risk management, training, advice and support mechanisms.

## Approved Professional Practice (APP):

*(\*delete as appropriate)*

- This policy has been checked against APP and there is none in relation to the subject matter of this policy.

## Policy Statements:

- Completion of the WMForms Dispersal Order will replace the current paper form used for this authority.  
*(There is still the ability to print this document for the purpose of serving/providing a copy, please see supporting procedural guidance).*
- The WMForms online documents app will provide Officers with a platform to complete the authorising paperwork online and meet the legislative requirements as set out in law.
- This new platform will provide WMP with the ability to digitally recover from corporate memory all Dispersal Orders issued across the Force.
- The adjustment under section 34(4) of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 legislation will be as follows (detailed in brackets).

An authorisation under this section -

- (a) must be in writing (**it will be electronically written/completed**),
  - (b) must be signed by the officer giving it, and (**electronic signature via WMForms online documents app**)
  - (c) must specify the grounds on which it is given (**no change**)
- The attached procedural guidance document will meet the legislative requirements under section 35(5) detailing a direction under this section.

**Definitions/Acronyms:**

None

**Procedural Guidance Documents List:**

- Online Dispersal Order Process Chart
- Chief Constable's letter of designation of dispersal powers to PCSO's

**Publication Instructions:***(\*delete as appropriate)*

- Suitable for publication to public

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**CHIEF CONSTABLE**

**Monitoring and Review**

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