

Delivering collaboration

across force and agency boundaries for the management of bail

The current manual, paper-based processes for the management of bail, both police and court initiated, and the subsequent record of attendance is cracked at best, broken at worst with a significant number of offenders not complying with their bail conditions – in particular those requiring attendance at a given location at a given time.

There are plenty of examples of cases where crime is committed by those on bail and not meeting bail conditions is a crime in itself that regularly goes unreported as there simply aren't the records kept to measure compliance.

That situation is made doubly difficult when offenders are required to report at locations in more than one force leading to potential compliance in one area (because that force is stricter in its application of the sanction) and non-compliance in a neighbouring area (because the offender knows they aren't going to be sanctioned and it requires travel time, cost and effort to attend).

Sharing a biometric based identity solution between forces can mend this broken process. **IdentityWorks™** provides just that – a shared database of attendance records, locations and potential breach notifications connected to self-service kiosks with integrated biometrics.

Using a biometric identifier and linking it to a custody record links the sanction to the known identity and the identity of the individual to be verified quickly and easily at each attendance, provides a deterrent to non-compliance and ensures that the correct individual attends the correct location to comply with the sanction imposed. Sharing these records across forces and also with partners in the criminal justice system would ensure that sanctions aren't duplicated, breaches are notified immediately to neighbourhood policing teams and reduces the potential of crimes being committed.

- Better offender management by managing bail subjects in their locality (when police enquiry desk function have been closed)
- Improved intelligence provided by image capture at bail signing
- Faster response to breaches reducing recidivism: Home Office figures show 4 further offences committed between initial breach and subsequent arrest
- Better understanding of what works provided by integrated management reporting

