



States of Jersey Police response to Scrutiny Panel paper 2021.05.07

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1. Do you think there are any challenges to monitoring and policing a Medicinal Cannabis plantation that could be specific or unique to Jersey?

SOJP will not be directly involved in the policing of the medicinal cannabis production in Jersey, the responsibilities of SOJP will be in relation to any response to a crime occurring that requires a Police presence and investigation.

2. Medicinal Cannabis is a high-value crop which will need to be grown in secure plantations. Please could you describe the type of security infrastructure you think will be needed to adequately monitor and police a Medicinal Cannabis plantation? (E.g. anything from manpower to CCTV and perimeter fencing).

The UK Home Office issue specific guidance in relation to keeping plantations secure which we would recommend is followed. SOJP do not have the expertise or knowledge to be in a position to advise on the necessary security arrangements required for this industry. Should any crime be committed at the plantation, then any passive data opportunities such as good coverage and good quality CCTV installed in the premises would of course assist SOJP to investigate any crime and bring offenders to justice. A permanent 24hr presence at the facility by security staff, or a 24hr live monitoring of CCTV or effective alarm system, would enable a timely response by SOJP should there be a need to attend a crime in action at the facility.

3. Do you think that Medicinal Cannabis plantations in Jersey could provide new opportunities for local private security firms, both in the supply of equipment and manpower?

This industry may provide business opportunities to local security firms for staff deployment in a security capacity and local providers of CCTV and other technical equipment to enhance physical security measures.

4. Do you think Medicinal Cannabis businesses in Jersey will have any issues sourcing the security equipment that will be needed to build the infrastructure for a secure Medicinal Cannabis plantation?

If the equipment recommended by the Home Office is sourced and used by UK companies already producing cannabis and other higher risk drugs in secure facilities, this equipment should likely be easily available to source for Jersey companies.

If local security firms cannot source adequately trained staff to perform security roles then this could be a vulnerability.

Yours sincerely

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