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TRACKING PEOPLE: CONTROVERSIES AND CHALLENGES

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AIM

- To develop a network to critically explore the ethical, legal, social and technical issues arising from the current and future use of wearable tagging and tracking devices in spheres including criminal justice, terrorism, immigration, health and local authority care of children and young people.



- Uses

- Aid resettlement and reintegration
- Manage risk
- Reminders of restrictions and requirements
- Decrease use of detention – facilitates freedom

- Questions and concerns

- When is consent is necessary
- Reduced human interactions
- Barrier as well as enabler
- Equality of access
- The extent to which privacy and ethics are issues



QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

- The use of tracking devices is increasing;
- The potential cost and resource savings are driving their use;
- The alternatives to tracking are often unattractive to both potential users and authorities;
- Evidence about the consequences and impacts of tracking is limited especially:
 - users' reasons for consenting to be tracked and their experiences of being tracked ;
 - the experience of carers and significant others of tracked individuals; and
- There is a lack of understanding of the importance and necessity of informed consent to the success of tracking technologies.

- Website: <http://trackingpeople.leeds.ac.uk>



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