



BCRP National Standards Accreditation – what to expect from an Accredited BCRP or BID.

A **BCRP's** entire objective is to prevent business crime and create a safer environment for those who live, work and socialise in the community that the BCRP was set up to serve, through intelligence sharing, live communication, partnership working and project work to address specific crime prevention needs in each individual area. BCRPs are funded by small contributions of membership subscriptions from the businesses who subscribe to the service. Every aspect of the work of a BCRP is examined in the National Standard Accreditation.

A **BID** is a geographical area, with the aim of improving the economic success of an area, with several different focusses including increasing footfall, events, environmental appearance and cleanliness, and also Safe and Secure – which is the aspect that will be assessed under the National Standards Accreditation. BIDs are funded by a levy that is charged on all eligible business rate payers in the area.

The value and benefits of working with Accredited BCRPs and BID can be described in the following categories, and the BCRP must show evidence of:

- **Overview and Governance – well managed, tailored for local needs:**
 - Governance and Management Structure,
 - Board of Management/Steering Group to ensure the BCRP's work is relevant and tailored to the specific needs of the local area and business community
 - Financials and accounts to demonstrate sustainability and not for profit status, ensuring any funds are used to improve the scheme,
 - Identify the business sectors which the BCRP serves,
 - Staff members and working patterns.
- **Benefits, Aims and Objectives – measurements of performance:**
 - Sets out the clear vision or strategic aim that supports the reduction of business crime.
 - Demonstrates the measurement of performance and effectiveness
 - KPIs
 - Analysis of Data
 - Supporting and encouraging member businesses to be active and engaged, promoting participation to work together to tackle crime and disorder

- **Communications – the heart of BCRP work:**
 - Demonstrate effective communication between businesses and the BCRP
 - Evidence regular intelligence briefings for member businesses
 - Building professional relationships between businesses and key partners, improving cohesion and sense of community.
 - Ongoing training for members, on how to participate including radio training and intel sharing training, and also training on wider community safety priorities such as fraud and counterfeit currency, Safe Spaces, Counter Terrorism and County Lines, for example.
 - Feedback to members on the results and effectiveness of the scheme
 - Opinion/feedback member surveys to grow and improve
 - Promotion in local area, with a clear brand in place.
- **Systems and Procedures – partnership working, effectiveness and value for money:**
 - Works with key local partners such as Police, Local Authority, drug and alcohol recovery service, homelessness, Street Pastors, etc
 - Insurance in place to cover data sharing activity
 - OFCOM Licenses for radio network
 - Demonstrate value for money
 - Operating guidelines and code of practice for members
 - Exclusion Scheme – banned from one, banned from all
 - Complaints and appeals procedure, privacy notices
- **Data Integrity – ensuring your data is safely and expertly managed**
 - Demonstrate security of data and that which is published for members to see,
 - Evidence effective training for members so they are educated on how comply with data protection laws
 - Registered with the ICO
 - Information Sharing Agreements in place with Police, Local Authority, other BCRPs and key partners
 - Employee/Board Member with specific responsibility for Data Protection
 - Staff Vetting – most BCRP staff are Police Vetted or DBS at very least.