

Juvenile CHIS - Managing the challenges

Managing Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS) is a challenge at the best of times. Implementing effective strategies for risk assessment, governance, protection of identity and the management of financial transactions are crucial to legislative compliance and maintaining the integrity of the law enforcement agency. When juvenile CHIS are involved, however, the dangers are significantly greater. It is imperative that management processes are supported by a robust and reliable system.

abmpegasus helps covert units to properly manage all issues surrounding juvenile CHIS. As well as standard functionality for normal CHIS (including risk assessment, financial management and the ability to securely record all communication or transactions with the CHIS) the system has a number of features specifically designed for dealing with juveniles:

- **Review dates** – abmpegasus automatically sets review dates for 1 month after initial authorisation (as stipulated by RIPA/RIP(S)A 2000). The system reminds the relevant personnel when the review is approaching, helping to ensure that authorisations remain valid.
- **Escalated approval** – abmpegasus automatically sends applications for juvenile CHIS to the appointed ACPO level officer
- **Warnings** – a warning flag is automatically attached to the juvenile source to alert handlers to their status

These features are automatically triggered when the date of birth for the CHIS is entered into the abmpegasus system. This further reduces the risk of additional safeguards being overlooked.

abmpegasus Source Management's standard features ensure compliance with all relevant legislation, following the ACPO guidance on the National Intelligence Model and Management of Police Information (MoPI), including support for CHIS profiling, the proper handling of intelligence and use of 'sterile corridors'.



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