

1. Directed Surveillance:

87 authorisations have been approved in total since 2000.

No requests have been refused, however certain applications were amended before authorisation was granted.

Public authorities may not use intrusive surveillance.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service have confirmed that they have not used RIPA powers.

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act – Directed Surveillance Authorisations – Non-Trading Standards

No. in Register	Date of Authorisation	Department/Directorate making application	Type of Request	Reason/Purpose
1	23.10.03	County Facilities Management	Surveillance	Observation of kitchen staff to ascertain whether food is being taken
2.	05.11.02	ICT	Investigation of PC	To ascertain the extent of private use of computer
3.	16.03.05	County Facilities Management	Surveillance	Observation of kitchen staff to ascertain whether thefts were taking place
4.	07.06.06	Children, Young People & Families	Surveillance	To gather evidence of contact within Care Proceedings
5.	30.06.08	Children and Families	Surveillance of private address	Intelligence suggested breach of Court Order relating to child protection

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act – Directed Surveillance Authorisations – Trading Standards

No. in Register	Date of Authorisation	Department/Directorate making application	Type of Request	Reason/Purpose
1.	19.06.01	Trading Standards	To record poster details and conversations re: pre-paid phone cards	To conduct an audit of rates quoted and compliance with the code of practice.
2.	15.08.01	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Intelligence suggested selling counterfeit goods
3.	26.09.01	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchase - private DVDs

4.	16.10.01	Trading Standards	Surveillance in shops	Test purchases regarding sales of cigarettes, fireworks and videos to underage children.
5.	18.02.02	Trading Standards	Tape recording telephone conversations	To ascertain if advertised price is actual price.
6.	12.03.02	Trading Standards	Surveillance of trader selling goods at local hotel	Intelligence suggested breaches of consumer protection laws
7.	22.03.02	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individual	To ascertain identity and check trade description issues
8.	24.09.02	Trading Standards	To record phone conversations	Checks on full services of cars to see what is covered and what is done
9.	11.03.03	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individuals and vehicles	False trade descriptions, misleading pricing
10.	28.04.03	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individual to establish identity and where stocks are kept	Counterfeit goods
11.	28.07.04	Trading Standards	Surveillance of transactions	To establish whether transactions are illegal – imperial weights.
12.	27.05.05	Trading Standards	Surveillance of trader	To identify address re: counterfeit DVDs.
13.	03.08.07	Trading Standards	Assist an investigation	Establish likely timing of possible future offences.
14	11.10.07	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individual	Alleged illegal sales and storage of fireworks.
15	31.07.08	Trading Standards	Surveillance on location	To identify a rogue trader obtaining money from a vulnerable person
16.	29.10.08	Trading Standards	Surveillance on individual	Alleged illegal sales and storage of fireworks.
17.	30.10.08	Trading Standards	Surveillance of individual	Alleged illegal sales and storage of fireworks.
18.	16.01.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shops	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol
19.	18.01.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol
20.	16.01.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales

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21.	16.01.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol
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27.	16.01.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol
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40.	30.01.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol
41.	13.02.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
42.	13.02.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
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79.	16.02.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
80.	16.02.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
81.	16.02.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of shop	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives
82.	16.02.09	Trading Standards	Surveillance of car boot	Test purchasing of underage sales of knives

In 2009, Oxfordshire County Council granted 64 authorisations under RIPA for directed surveillance. All of these relate to Trading Standards activities concerning test purchasing by young people of age restricted products (e.g. alcohol or knives). New guidance on the operation of RIPA was issued by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners in December 2008. In light of this guidance, Oxfordshire County Council currently records test purchasing by young people under RIPA. However please note that this practice is not followed at all councils.

The new guidance of December 2008 also requires public authorities to authorise per premises rather than per operation. This changed recording method accounts for the apparent steep increase in use of these powers whereas in fact there has been no major change in level of activity under RIPA.

2. CHIS – Covert use of a Human Intelligence Source

In the financial year 2007/08 the relevant officer within Oxfordshire Trading Standards granted one authorisation under RIPA to use Covert Human Intelligence Services (CHIS). This is shown at row 13 above. The purpose was to assist an investigation into the alleged current activities of a known offender. The nature of the task to be undertaken by the source was to obtain intelligence for use within that investigation.

Before the financial year 2007/08, there are no recorded uses of CHIS.

3. Communications data

Requests for authorisations for acquisition of communications data relate to Trading Standards only.

The table below details 34 requests for communications data by Trading Standards. Please note that more than one request can be made in relation to a single investigation and more than one request can be made for the same data if the telecommunications company concerned resold the facility to another company.

	Date Sent	Information Requested	Type of Incident under Investigation	Notice reference
1	13/04/06	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2006/OCC/TSS/01
2	13/04/06	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2006/OCC/TSS/02
3	18/04/06	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2006/OCC/TSS/03
4	26/10/06	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2006/OCC/TSS/03N1
5	05/12/06	Name and Address of Subscriber	Car clocking	2006/OCC/TSS/04N1
6	05/12/06	Name and Address of Subscriber	Car clocking	2006/OCC/TSS/04N1
7	05/12/06	Name and Address of Subscriber	Car clocking	2006/OCC/TSS/04N2
8	31/01/07	Name and Address of Subscriber	False trade descriptions	2007/OCC/TSS/01N1
9	31/01/07	Name and Address of Subscriber	False trade descriptions	2007/OCC/TSS/01N1
10	31/01/07	Name and Address of Subscriber	False trade descriptions	2007/OCC/TSS/01N2
11	31/01/07	Name and Address of Subscriber	False trade descriptions	2007/OCC/TSS/01N2
12	31/01/07	Name and Address of Subscriber	False trade descriptions	2007/OCC/TSS/01N2
13	27/02/07	Name and Address of Subscriber	False trade descriptions	2007/OCC/TSS/01N3
14	02/08/07	Name/Address/Subscriber & Acc details	Counterfeiting	2007/OCC/TSS/02N1
15	03/09/07	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2007/OCC/TSS/03N1
16	19/10/07	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2007/OCC/TSS/04N1
17	19/10/07	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2007/OCC/TSS/04N2
18	17/01/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2007/OCC/TSS/05N1
19	17/01/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2007/OCC/TSS/05N2
20	17/01/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2007/OCC/TSS/05N3
21	06/02/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2007/OCC/TSS/05N5
22	04/04/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2008/OCC/TSS/01N1
23	11/04/08	Subscriber Details/contact person. Payment bank details/trading names associated with nos.	Internet domain name scam/ false trade descriptions	2008/OCC/TSS/02N1
24	11/04/08	Subscriber Details/contact person. Payment bank details/trading names associated with nos	Internet domain name scam/ false trade descriptions	2008/OCC/TSS/02N1
25	21/04/08	Subscriber Details/contact person. Payment bank details/trading names associated with nos	Internet domain name scam/ false trade descriptions	2008/OCC/TSS/02N2

26	21/04/08	Subscriber Details/contact person. Payment bank details/trading names associated with nos.	Internet domain name scam/ false trade descriptions	2008/OCC/TSS/02N2
27	01/08/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2008/OCC/TSS/03N1
28	06/08/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Website failing to include required information	2008/OCC/TSS/04N1
29	08/08/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Website failing to include required information	2008/OCC/TSS/04N2
30	18/08/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	2008/OCC/TSS/05N1
31	19/08/08	Subscriber details and billing	Doorstep crime	2008/OCC/TSS/06N1
32	19/08/08	Subscriber details and billing	Doorstep crime	2008/OCC/TSS/06N2
33	24/12/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	SPDS 743/1
34	24/12/08	Name and Address of Subscriber	Doorstep crime	SPDS 744/1