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Advice regarding the installation of dummy cameras

As shown by the information below installing dummy cameras and signage is a bit of a grey area. No data is processed so there are no issues relating to GDPR and DPA, however there are concerns raised about giving a false sense of security and consequently Cheltenham Borough Council do not use dummy cameras.

As there is no electricity or wifi signal at the allotments, the only option for working CCTV cameras would be battery powered with an SD card. These would require signage and not sure how secure the SD card is.

One option: [EZETAI Wildlife Camera with Night Vision Motion Activated 1520P 20MP Trail Camera,garden animal cameras for outdoors with 32GB Card for Wildlife Monitoring Garden Safety : Amazon.co.uk: Sports & Outdoors](#) (£59.00)

(more investigation needed)

According to Cheltenham Borough Council's code of practice:

*Dummy Cameras*

*No dummy cameras will be used in the scheme as they give a false sense of security and are in contravention to the DPA 1998 Code of Practice.*

ICO's advice:

*The UK GDPR and DPA 2018 apply to information captured by surveillance systems. This guidance does not cover the use of 'dummy' or non-operational systems as no personal data is likely to be processed.*