

CASE STUDY

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The Company

Based in Glasgow, Pointer Ltd specialises in the design, installation, service, maintenance, training and monitoring of electronic security and fire systems. It provides high-quality, tailored solutions to companies that recognise the importance of managing risk to their stock, reputation, staff, premises and key data.



Service Type

MobileTrack Pro, MobileLWP

The Challenge

In July 2014, Pointer was visited by its mobile, voice and data connectivity providers, HighNet, a certified partner for Crystal Ball solutions.



During the meeting and demonstration of the range of mobile solutions on offer, Graeme Davison the General Manager at Pointers, 24 hr monitoring centre, drew attention to an existing Lone Worker project.

Graeme discussed that due to the nature of the business, engineers were working in isolated areas, occasionally out of hours and with no existing solution in place to monitor their safety and welfare - other than inefficiently sending two engineers on a visit at a time.

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A secondary requirement for Pointer was to be able to monitor their engineers' locations when outside of their vehicles to improve real-time visibility for the operations team.

Graeme therefore believed it was important to address both of these matters particularly when his engineers work in remote locations.

Tony Miller, Account Development Manager at HighNet, listened to Graeme's concerns and felt Crystal Ball's **MobileLWP** and **MobileTrack Pro** would be an ideal fit for his requirements.



The Solution

After considering several other Lone Worker Protection suppliers, Pointer decided to implement Crystal Ball's **MobileLWP** and **MobileTrack Pro** on a trial basis initially.

Graeme explains why he felt Crystal Ball stood out from the crowd:

"Everything Crystal Ball does, it does over and above what I was expecting. It is a better solution all round and ticks all the boxes. The panic alarm functionality really stood out for me. I think Crystal Ball is absolutely fabulous; I love the simplicity of it."

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With **MobileLWP** in situ across the engineers' smartphones, Pointer can now monitor their welfare and safety 24/7 at its control centre. With the manual panic alarm functionality, engineers can now raise an alarm if necessary and alert appropriate members of staff. Additionally, when an employee initiates a new session a countdown timer is activated. When the timer expires the engineer is then prompted to check in. Failure to do so triggers an automated panic alarm which is sent directly to the management at Pointer.

Combined with **MobileTrack Pro**, Pointer can now rest assured that when their engineers leave their vehicles and continue to their jobs on foot, the smartphone application will continue to monitor their locations in real time, and this can be displayed via the Crystal Ball web portal on a detailed mapping system.



The Outcomes

Since implementing Crystal Ball, Pointer now has complete visibility of its engineers 24/7 when in vehicle and on foot and can pinpoint within a few yards their location thanks to **MobileTrack Pro**.

With **MobileLWP** Pointer can also now guarantee that its engineers' welfare is monitored which in turn has addressed the relevant health and safety legislation.

Graeme comments on the benefits he is already noticing after just two weeks of implementation:

"One of the benefits we have noticed straightaway is significant cost savings. When our engineers go to the water companies sites up in the Highlands to perform maintenance jobs, the areas they travel to can be very wild and remote. Therefore the water companies will not allow one man to go alone. As you can imagine the expense involved in getting two of our engineers there is significant; with travel, accommodation etc. However, now we have **MobileLWP** and we have proved it works and that we can monitor the guys, we now only have to send one man to a job. I am certain this saving will be in the thousands and will be recurring, so the solution is definitely going to pay for itself!"

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Introducing **MobileLWP** has also in turn made the employees feel safer which has resulted in an improved work ethic all round. The investment in Crystal Ball demonstrates to staff that they are cared for by their employer, says Graeme:

"Having Crystal Ball has made the guys feel safer. We have had very positive comments from them as they now know assistance is always at hand if need be."