## Concern for Welfare Calls – 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Agencies

Devon and Cornwall Police will respond to requests for assistance from external agencies to conduct welfare checks on vulnerable adults and children where the following criteria apply:

- There is an identifiable and **immediate** risk to life or property.
- The adult at risk or child is suffering, or is at risk of suffering, **immediate** and significant harm.
- It is reasonably believed that a crime has been committed or is about to be committed.
- Attendance of a Police Officer is necessary to prevent a Breach of the Peace.

## The Force will <u>not</u> carry out checks where an agency makes a request which does not meet any of the criteria as above.

