

Northamptonshire Police



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CCTV On Mobile Enforcement Vans

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to provide a clear process for video evidence recorded by the CCTV systems used alongside the Home Office Type Approved (HOTA) Enforcement Equipment.
- 1.2 Multi Camera CCTV systems fitted alongside HOTA approved devices is a recognised way to improve the quality of evidence detected in support of a number of road traffic offences. Examples of this includes;
 - Motorcycles or vehicles with no front VRM,
 - Type of vehicle speeding offences to observe rear windows and any signwriting.
- 1.3 The system is also capable of recording interactions and approaches to the enforcement vehicle by members of the general public. Who may later provide a different account of events in an effort to influence a prosecution or disciplinary related matter.
- 1.4 Nothing in this policy seeks to interfere with the Northamptonshire Police Data Protection Policy.

2 Generic Legislative Compliance

- 2.1 This document has been drafted to comply with the principals of the Human Rights Act. Proportionality has been identified as the key to Human Rights compliance, this means striking a fair balance between the rights of the individuals and those of the rest of the community. There must be a reasonable relationship between the aim to be achieved and the means used.
- 2.2 Equality and Diversity issues have also been considered to ensure compliance with current Equality Legislation and policies.
- 2.3 This policy has also been completed with consideration to the information management strategy currently in use within the Force.
- 2.4 In addition, Data Protection, Freedom of Information and Health Safety issues have been considered. Adherence to this policy or procedure will therefore ensure compliance with all legislation and internal policies.

3 Specific Legal Requirements

- 3.1 Detailed information on the relevant legislation and legal requirement for the police use of CCTV systems can be found in the following:
 - Data Protection Act 2018
 - The European Convention on Human Rights

- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- Surveillance Camera Commissioner Code of Practice
- Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
- Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996. (CPIA)

3.2 Information recorded by the CCTV system is not likely to contain personal or sensitive personal data. However, Data subjects may request a copy of their personal information held by Northamptonshire Police under section 7 of the Data Protection Act – commonly referred to as a Subject Access Request (SAR). Data subjects are not normally entitled to request or receive other people’s data. Subject Access Requests should be made by the applicant in the normal way to Corporate Information Management (CIM) (details held on the force website). All SARs will be dealt with by the Information unit.

4 Information Management

4.1 Data will be retained in accordance with the Northamptonshire Police Review, Retention and Disposal Policy. With due regard for GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018 and MoPI.

5 Policy Statement

5.1 The aim and objective is for additional camera angles provided by the CCTV system to be used to support Prosecutions of offences by:

- Providing the best possible evidence.
- Reducing the challenges to evidence requiring Court attendance.
- Improving the speed of offence completion.
- Reducing protracted complaint investigations by providing impartial, accurate evidence and increasing public confidence in the complaints process.

6 Monitoring and review

6.1 The senior owner will review the content of this guidance annually to ensure that this is relevant and up to date. This document will be reviewed within 12 months of the effective date.