

Body worn cameras

Reference No: 017/2017

Request Date: 11/02/2017

Request

1. Which departments in your Fire Brigade/Service use Body Worn Cameras (BWC)? Please include job roles.
2. Is this part of a pilot programme or has the technology has been adopted on a permanent basis?
3. How many BWCs has your Fire Brigade/Service purchased over the past 3 years and how many are deployed at any given time?
4. Who is the portfolio lead for the purchase, deployment and maintenance of BWCs in your Fire Brigade/Service?
5. Please confirm the procurement mechanism (tender or framework) which was utilised to procure the BWC's and their associated software, and when the next tender process for BWC's is expected to be re-tendered?
6. If you do not currently have BWC's, does your Fire Brigade/Service propose to introduce BWCs over the next 2 years?
7. If your Fire Brigade/Service proposes to introduce BWC's over the next 2 years, which departments will be provided with BWC's?

Response

1. At this current moment Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service does not use Body Worn Cameras in any job role or department.
2. N/A as the service does not use Body Worn Cameras at this time.
3. N/A
4. We as a service a currently in the early stages of looking into use of Body Worn Cameras so currently have not completed a full spec of our requirements but the portfolio lead is Neil Gordon (Emergency Response Team).
5. As mentioned in question 4 we are currently in the early stages of the project so no tender or framework has been discussed at this moment in time.
6. We will be looking at implementing a pilot of Body Worn Cameras in the next 18 months – 2 years .

7. From an initial working group it was agreed that a short, medium and long term strategy would be the most effective approach.

Short term

- Learning & Development and operational incidents worn by Tactical advisors initially.
- Sharing best practice – Operational Assurance, multi agency debriefs, JESIP, Resilience direct.
- Evidence Gathering – FI, support police investigations.
- DIM team/ HMEPO – information gathering.

Medium term

- Operational Level 1 commanders – operational crews

Long term

- Live Streaming of incidents - will have the capability of streaming on the incident ground or other cells.
- BA wearers.