

## **Body Worn Video Policy – Public Protection**

This document sets out the policy for use of Body Worn Video as part of our law enforcement duties.

### **Use of Body Worn Video (BWV)**

Body Worn Video will be used in connection with law enforcement work undertaken by the Service. The BWV equipment will only be activated where there is a need to capture evidence or to ensure officer safety. This may include activities such as carrying out an inspection, conducting an entry warrant or attending an incident where the suspect of a crime may be present at the scene.

Use of the cameras will normally be as part of a pre-planned activity, and their use will be authorised in advance. There will be occasions where a recording may be made without prior authorisation, such as reacting to an immediate issue, where officer safety or evidence collection is required.

Under data protection legislation, officers must inform people that they're being filmed and will do so unless the situation means that it is not possible. In all other circumstances, you will know that you are being recorded when the camera has flashing red lights in the centre of the camera.

Officers do not have to get your consent to be filmed.

Wherever possible, officers will try to only record those things which have been considered in the authorisation, minimising the impact on privacy for those unconnected with the activity.

### **How footage is handled**

Footage is recorded onto internal storage inside the camera. The cameras have no ability to delete or edit the footage.

When an officer docks their camera to charge the battery, the footage is automatically uploaded to secure servers.

Recordings that aren't categorised as required for evidence at court or in other legal proceedings will be automatically deleted within 31 days.

The footage that's retained as evidence is regularly reviewed in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner.

Footage is only kept as evidence, for disclosure, or for other legitimate purposes relevant to law enforcement. Footage is not kept for intelligence, although still images may be captured from the footage for this purpose.

### **Access to footage**

Cornwall Council are the data controllers of any footage and as such 'own' it.

Recorded material counts as 'information' so you can request access to it under data protection law, by making a Right to Access Request (also known as a Subject Access Request).

Where possible and practicable, details of how to get a copy of the footage will also be given to those who have been the focus of any recording.