

Reference: RFI 1801028

Request:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The details of your use of body cameras in your organisation -

Does anyone (staff or contractors) in your organisation use/wear body cameras or body worn video recording devices while performing their duties?

If yes, please detail:

Who provides the body cameras and footage/evidence management used by your organisation? Community Protection: The 1 unit we bought was from Solon Security.

Engineering:- Parking Control use Edesix Video Badges and associated evidence management software.

How many staff members use body cameras and what capacities/teams do they work in? Are they staff or contractors (for e.g. outsourced security personnel)

Community Protection: Currently 1 officer in Community Protection.

Engineering:- Parking Control currently have 11no. badges that are utilised by the 15no. Civil Enforcement Officers, whilst they are patrolling on street in a parking enforcement capacity.

All the Civil Enforcement Officers are staff of the North Tyneside Council/Capita partnership.

How many body cameras in all are currently owned and/or used by your organisation? Community Protection: 1 in Community Protection, more across NTC.

Engineering:- See above response.

Were the cameras bought as a one off purchase and if so, how much did they cost your organisation? Community Protection: £195 for the unit we have.

Engineering:- The current stock of video badges was purchased as a one off when the previous body worn camera system was replaced.

11no. video badges was £5,445.00.

Supplementary equipment i.e. harness, download cradle, etc. was £1,334.50.

If they are part of an ongoing contract - what is the current contract term (how long is it and when does it expire) and what is the value of said contract?

Community Protection: One off purchase.

Engineering:-None, although the Council will be entering into a 12 month rolling maintenance contract in the very near future.

Where is the data recorded stored - on premises locally or on cloud?

Community Protection: Premises. Engineering:-On premises locally.

Who is the point of contact for your body camera programme?

Community Protection: Richie Mitchell for Community Protection only.

Engineering:- The Parking Control Service Manager is Garry Hoyle (Parking & Regulation Manager).

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