



## SCC Certification Audit Template.

<b>Certification Body:</b>	SSAIB
<b>Auditor:</b>	Stephen Grieve
<b>Name of Scheme:</b> e.g. Birmingham City Centre Scheme, GMP body worn video etc.	Kent Police & Essex Police – Body Worn Video System
<b>Valid Until:</b>	25/09/24
<b>Type of Audit -</b> <i>(Step 1 - Desk top certification, Step 2 – Full certification)</i>	2022 Desktop Review
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<b>Relevant/Non-Relevant Authority:</b>	Relevant
<b>Date(s) of Audit:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2022

<b>Auditor's Recommendation:</b>	Maintain certification
	<p><b>Summary of Assessment</b></p> <p>The Desktop Review confirmed that Kent Police and Essex Police continue to collaborate over a range of shared services, including the ownership, management and operation of a surveillance camera scheme, comprising Body Worn Video (BWV), in conformance with the requirements of the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice (June 2013).</p> <p>Both police forces are 'relevant authorities' within the meaning of Section 33(5) (j) of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 and gained Full Certification against the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice in relation to the BWV system in September 2019. It should be noted that Kent Police are also separately certified against the Code of Practice in relation to the use of an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), which continues to be subject to a separate report.</p> <p>At the previous Desktop Review no Non-Conformances (NCR's) were raised and no Opportunities for Improvement (OFI's) suggested. The same outcome has been achieved at this Review.</p> <p>The use of BWV within both police forces remains subject to detailed policy and procedures. This includes a new Digital Asset Management System (DAMS) that was introduced in September 2022 and which provides an advanced form of evidential storage that sits on top of the already established storage platform, Evidence.com. Increased functionally now includes the ability to store other types of information including CCTV, Dashcam footage, Drone footage, Ring doorbell footage and many other types of assets that can be ingested into a central storage solution. BWV asset management remains the same, but now has mandatory retention and categorisation at the point of upload or viewing. This is considered to greatly enhances DPIA compliance across the board. A copy of the</p>

DAMS Policy was provided for review during this assessment, along with a documented operating procedure for the 'Review Retention and Disposal of DAMS Digital Assets'.

A number of amendments have also been made to the relevant policy documents previously examined, in order to address the use of BWV to capture significant statements and CCTV images as the original evidence. This recognised that during the routine recording of incidents or arrests, police officers are likely to record significant statements made by suspects. As a result of these developments, all policies and procedures relating to the use of BWV will be rewritten towards the end of 2022, to ensure that they all align with DAMS.

Other developments that are of note include:

- The rollout of the new Axon 3 BWV devices was completed for both Essex Police and Kent Police by November 2021. Additional surplus Axon 2 devices were reintroduced to non-uniformed units and Special Constables to enable greater coverage and evidence gathering.
- Essex Police have 3529 Axon BWV devices in service as at the date of this Review. These comprise a mix of the older Axon 2 devices, newer Axon 3, plus Axon Flex for firearms officers. Essex Police Traffic Units will start to use the Axon Fleet solution from late 2022 and it is estimated that a total of 180 Fleet units will be eventually equipped across both forces.
- Kent Police have 2839 Axon BWV devices in service as at the date of this Review and similarly these comprise a mix of the Axon 2, 3 and Flex devices. Kent Police Traffic Units will follow the same timescale as Essex Police for the introduction of the Axon Fleet units.
- The pre-recording buffer time on BWV devices has been increased from 30 seconds to 1 minute, in order to capture more footage at serious incidents and similarly

pre-interaction footage to assist with complaints and serious cases. In addition, the use of BWV has been mandated for all instances of domestic violence, stop and search, and the use of force. This reflects similar action taken by other police forces in the UK in the light of operational experience.

- In a proactive approach, BWV/Evidence.com 1:1's with unit Sergeants has been pushed across all units throughout Essex Police. The expectation is that Sergeants will conduct tray checks of officers BWV accounts and ensure that they are of a good standard regarding footage compliance and management. Independent monthly generated account updates are then passed to senior command team members to identify areas of bad or non-compliance amongst areas or teams.
- During the previous twelve months a total of 14 complaints over the use of BWV were recorded, by Kent Police and a total of 12 by Essex Police..
- During the same period 'Right of Access' requests for BWV footage were received by both forces, either through Freedom of Information (Fol), Subject Access, Third Party or Family Court Orders. These comprise:

	<u>Essex Police</u>	<u>Kent Police</u>
Fol	14	4
Subject Access	9	75
Civil Court Orders	95	95