

I want to ask some questions regarding the use of body-worn cameras by your police force/constabulary.

1. Does your police department use body-worn cameras (BWC)s?

**Yes**

2. How long has your police force been using BWCs?

**West Midlands police has been using body cameras since March 2013, on a small trial basis.**

3. How many BWCs are in deployment currently?

**[http://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/digital-policing-10951\\_16/](http://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/digital-policing-10951_16/)**

4. How many BWCs have been reported defective?

**2018 - 15**

**2017 - 98**

5. Which company did you procure the BWCs from?

**Axon Taser, Body 2 Camera**

**The devices were purchased through East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit**

6. How much was the total amount spent on BWCs and systems?

**£436,860 Cameras, docks and peripherals**

**£89,200 software licensing, £39,366 storage (to be called off when required).**

7. How long is the contract of use for the BWCs, and do you have replacement cycle in place?

**The current contract is in place until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 with the option to extend for a further period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.**

**Should body cameras still be required at the end of the contract term then we would look to retender/utilise a framework for this requirement.**