West Midlands Police Freedom of Information

Does your force use body worn cameras?

Yes

If the answer is yes please indicate whether this is part of a trial or if the technology has been adopted on a permanent basis?

Adopted on a permanent basis, although the implementation project has yet to be formally closed

How many body worn cameras has your force purchased?

4929 cameras

How much has your force spent on body worn cameras?

£953,460 (cameras only)

Please provide the make, model and manufacturer of the body worn cameras you have purchased.

Axon Body 2, Axon Flex 2 (both from Axon Public Safety UK Ltd

How many times has the evidence gained from body worn cameras been used in court?

From April 2018 - May 2020 inclusive: 9,946

Please breakdown between the following:

The number of successful cases.

8,763

The number of unsuccessful cases.

1,183

Where and for how long is the footage held?

Footage is held in a cloud based storage system through the force's body worn video supplier. Axon Evidence.com. Periods of retention are determined by the principles of MOPI. Evidential material is held for a minimum of 6 years and for longer periods (up to 100 years) in the case of the most serious offences. Footage that is not evidentially relevant is deleted after 31 days.

Please provide documentation relating to the results of any trial of body worn cameras that your force has undertaken.

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available on the following website.

https://whatworks.college.police.uk/Research/Research-Map/Pages/ResearchProject.aspx?projectid=363