

Q1. What is the fundamental core use for each of the following;

1. WC392
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4. Police Pocket Notebook
5. Investigators Book
6. MG11 Witness Statement
7. ABE Interview
8. MG15 ROVI Notes
9. Police Investigation Log
10. Crime Scan
11. Detained Property System
12. Electronic File Build

Please see below:

1. WC392 - is a standard form used to give details around a vulnerable or intimidated witness/victim.
2. WC393 - is a standard form for managers/supervisors to record their strategies and referrals in relation to a vulnerable witness/victim.
3. WC394 - is a standard form for supervisors to record their decisions in connection with an investigation into a 'serious' crime against a child or any rape
4. Police Pocket Notebook – for officers to record their daily activity
5. Investigators Book – does not exist as a standard issue item, but could refer to a book that an investigator may use to make notes in
6. MG11 Witness Statement – Form used for a witness to provide a statement
7. ABE Interview - 'ABE' stands for 'Achieving Best Evidence' and is an acronym that's generally used to refer to a video recorded interview with a witness/victim that is conducted according to the guidance in 'Achieving Best Evidence in Criminal Proceedings'
8. MG15 ROVI Notes – Record of video interview
9. Police Investigation Log – Running log to place investigative updates on
10. Crime Scan – electronic system used for logging and updates crime reports
11. Detained Property System – electronic system used to record detained property
12. Electronic File Build – electronic system used to build files

Q2. When dealing with *paper evidence*, how and when are each of the above items (4, 5 and 9 - 12) used by Detectives who are OIC's?

Please see below answer for question 4

Q3. Generally, which of the above items (1 - 12) would be *admissible* in a criminal trial as evidence?

Q3 – Admissibility of evidence in a trial is a matter for the trial Judge or Magistrate.

Q4. Where *paper evidence* appears in an Electronic File Build, but does not previously appear in any other (criminal trial *admissible*) form or system, how is such *irregularity in evidence* generally dealt with by West Midlands Police?

Q4. This question is not asking for recorded information, but appears to be asking for opinion, therefore it is not valid under FOI, please see comments below:

Without the specifics, we would simply say that evidence is evidence, irrespective of the format that it is captured in, and is treated in the same way irrespective of the form it takes. Please also see answer for question 5 below:

Q5. Where material and relevant information (regarding *paper evidence*) appears in a WC393 log entry, and thereafter, post-case investigations, audits and reviews (by the Professional Standards Department) find no contemporaneously received information capable of having informed the WC393 log entry, how is such *irregularity in evidence* generally dealt with by West Midlands Police?

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Q4 – Q5 These questions clearly relate to a specific set of circumstances. It is not possible to provide a generic answer to this without the detail. There is a route to take via IOPC or Professional Standards around specific concerns.