West Midlands Police Freedom of Information

1, What is the process followed by those who initially receive/review third party video submissions, submitted through the Nextbase reporting portal?

The process is fairly straightforward, once whoever is reviewing the footage has looked at the clip in question, they have to decide what (if any) offences have been committed and then the report is filed or taken forward for prosecution / education. If filed at source no further action is required or taken and that is then end of the matter.

If prosecution is considered, the matter is investigated and either a prosecution, be that a summons to court or fixed penalty notice (FPN) is issued or driver/rider education course is offered. If a course or FPN is not attended or paid it automatically reverts to a prosecution and a summons is issued and the matter is dealt with at court.

2, What criteria do those who initially receive/review third party video submissions have to consider, before they decide to process a submission further, or reject it?

Each report is considered against the following general principles:

Is there sufficient evidence against the Defendant that is reliable and credible? Is there a realistic prospect of conviction?

Is it in the Public interest to bring that case to court? during which following is to be considered.

How Serious is the offence committed?

The level of culpability of the suspect?

What are the circumstances of and the harm caused to the victim?

Suspects age and maturity at the time of the offence

What is the impact on the community

Is prosecution at Court an appropriate response – i.e. can it dealt with in another way.

- 3, Do video submissions have to be of a minimum length for them to be processed further? **Not that we are aware of.**
- 4, Is it possible for a video submission to rejected, without being viewed, due to the accompanying form not being completed correctly?

No information held, Nextbase themselves might be best to answer that question as it is their platform and they allow Police to access/use it.

5, How is the performance of those who initially receive/review third party video submissions monitored?

It is monitored by the team Sergeant. A record is maintained of each clip reviewed and what has happened with it, i.e. Filed or for prosecution. The Team Sergeant completes an evidential review of each file submitted for prosecution to ensure the appropriate offence(s) are being dealt with. There are no targets for this, each report is reviewed based the quality of evidence provided.