

 WARWICKSHIRE POLICE		POLICY
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POLICY TITLE	Body Worn Video
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POLICY OWNERSHIP	
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BUSINESS AREA	OPERATIONS

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EQUALITY ANALYSIS	Medium
TIER	2

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1.0 POLICY OUTLINE

Warwickshire Police will follow National Guidance in its deployment of Body Worn Video (BWV). Officers deployed with BWV will be trained in its use and will adhere to the Code of Ethics.

- 1.1 BWV is complementary to and does not replace conventional forms of evidence gathering. Its use however, in line with this Policy, will greatly assist in protecting people from harm.
- 1.2 BWV should be in pursuit of a legitimate aim, and there is a pressing need for its use, it should then be used in the most effective way to support public safety and law enforcement with the aim of processing images and information of evidential value.
- 1.3 Failure to comply with policy may result in disciplinary action for staff.

2.0 PURPOSE OF POLICY

This Policy outlines the requirements for allocation and issue of BWV devices, their operational use and the subsequent processing of any images captured consequently together with legislative information governing their use and National Guidance on best practice.

3.0 IMPLICATIONS of the POLICY

National Guidance and relevant legislation guides and informs this policy.

- 3.1 Officer's use of BWV must be consistent with the standards of behaviour expected in the Code of Ethics to avoid public confidence in the Police being adversely affected.
- 3.2 Common law provides the police with the authority to use BWV in the lawful execution of their duties, for the purpose of the prevention and detection of crime. PACE further permits a person to be photographed in certain circumstances with or without their consent, by a constable elsewhere than at a police station, the definition of a photograph includes a moving image.
- 3.3 Management of Police Information (MOPI), Freedom of Information and Data Protection Act also set out common standards that must be adhered to in order to be compliant and are identified in the procedure and training. The use of a digital management system will provide compliance.
- 3.4 Consideration must be given by users to European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). In particular Article 6 (Right to a Fair Trial), all images from BWV have the potential for use in court proceedings and Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life), BWV users must consider Article 8 when recording and not record beyond what is necessary for policing purposes.
- 3.5 Risks and Health and Safety considerations are minimal and are identified in procedure and training.

- 3.6 The processing of digital imaging from BWV will have a positive impact on reducing bureaucracy with the Police and partner agencies.

4.0 PROCEDURE

Please see separate procedure documents:

- a. Body Worn Video Procedure
- b. Operational Procedures for the use of BWV by Armed Officers and by Dog Support Officers.

5.0 CONSULTATION

Consultation has taken place with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPPC), LPA and Departmental Heads, Professional Standards Department (PSD), IPCC, Legal Services, Federation, Unison, Risk Management, Health & Safety, Strategic Independent Advisory Groups (IAG's), P.I.P leads and previously Critical Friends (now called Policy and Procedure Consultation Group).

Chief Officer/Business Lead Consulted	Date Authorisation Received
C/Supt Mike Smith	11/09/2026

6.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

The history and rationale for change to policy will be recorded using the chart below:

Date	Author / Reviewer	Amendment(s) & Rationale	Date of Approval / Adoption
10.01.2022	Dawn Hartland	Warwickshire standalone document	27/01/2022
19/07/2022	Dawn Hartland	Updated version to include additional wording from BWV Overt Surveillance Action plan.	
Nov 2025	Pav Mann	Updated ownership (directorates and business area details) in line with ACC request, policy has not been reviewed/updated	28/11/2025
Sept 2026	Insp Simon Paull	Reviewed. No changes required.	Republished 16/09/2026

7.0 ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS

The Equality Analysis (EA), Health & Safety Assessment (HAS) and Risk Assessment (RA) associated with this document are available on request.

8.0 REVIEW

As a minimum, this policy should be reviewed in accordance with the timeframes set by the tier level process. The Head of Department/Chief Officer may request a review at any time prior to the standard review date being reached.