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BODY WORN VIDEO

Thank you for your letter of 18 January 2017 requesting further information in relation to the scoping exercise for Body Worn Video (BWV). I can provide you with the following update.

The scoping exercise is currently ongoing and is at an early stage. It considers all aspects and benefits of a potential force-wide deployment of BWV's based on learning and evaluation from other police forces', as well as our own trials in the North East division of Police Scotland. Any consideration of a deployment of BWV would be preceded by a full public consultation exercise and as such, timescales at this time are unknown.

In 2014, the College of Policing produced a guidance document which detailed the legal framework under which forces across England and Wales should deploy and operate BWV. For your ease of reference, you can access the guidance document via the following link;

http://www.college.police.uk/News/archive/2014aug/Documents/Body_worn_video_guidance.pdf#search=body%20worn

This guidance provides for a consistent set of operating procedures, information management processes and also outlines seven key principles in the deployment

and use of BWV. The guidance is considered 'best practice' and, following appropriate legal adjustment, would likely provide the basis for implementation and monitoring of any deployment across Police Scotland.

The integration of this technology, initially within the existing Police Scotland IT framework and thereafter across the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service as well as the Scottish Courts and Tribunal IT systems, is an aspect of the ongoing scoping work. This is of course also being considered as part of the wider Scottish Government public sector reform agenda under the auspice of the Digital Strategy for Justice in Scotland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iain Livingstone', written in a cursive style.

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