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Dear Requester

**Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act)**

The council has considered your request which was received on 7 January 2018 and our response to your questions is shown below.

- 1) *Does anyone (staff or contractors) in your organisation use/wear body camera's or body worn video recording devices while performing their duties? If yes please give detail:*

Yes

- 2) *Who provides the body cameras and footage/evidence management used by your organisation?*

Rewire Security.

- 3) *How many staff members use body cameras and what capacities/teams do they work in? Are they staff or contractors (for e.g. outsourced security personal)*

The council currently employs 36 in house CPO Traffic Officers and they all wear a body worn video camera when out on patrol and have done so since 2013.

Also 100 Community Protection Officers (Nottingham City Council employed staff), in partnership with the Police, are able to use body worn video recording devices.

- 4) *How many body camera's in all are currently owned and/or used by your organisation?*

36 (within Parking Enforcement).  
40 (within Community Protection).



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*5) Were the camera's bought as a one off purchase and is so, how much did they cost your organisation?*

The cameras cost £20,100.

*6) If they are part of an ongoing contract - what is the current contract term (how long is it and when does it expire) and what is the value of said contract?*

There is no contract as they were purchased outright.

*7) Where is the data recorded/stored – on premises locally or on cloud?*

Any video and audio footage captured on the internal storage of the camera as part of officer's patrols will be downloaded each day by the Senior Community Protection Officer (SCPO). Any images and audio captured that are categorised as non-evidential footage will be retained for 31 days in a locked cabinet within Central Police Station and then deleted. Any images captured following an incident that is classed as evidential footage will be retained for a period of 6 months after the final hearing and appeal dates. If evidence is required by the Police a DPA S.29 (3) request is required addressed to the Council's Data Protection Team.

*8) Who is the point of contact for your body camera programme?*

The names of employees below the level of Head of Service are not being disclosed in accordance with section 40(2) of the Act. The personal information about identifiable living individuals is exempt if disclosure to a third party would breach one or more principles in the Data Protection Act 1998 (the DPA). The Information Commissioner's guidance states 'It is reasonable to expect that a public authority would disclose more information relating to senior employees than more junior ones...the disclosure must not cause unwarranted interference with the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of the employee'.

The individuals concerned would not expect their names and job titles to be disclosed to a third party, as it is the council's general guidance not to do so for staff below the level of Head of Service.

Section 40(2) of the Act sets out the exemption for third party data and subject to one of two conditions being met. The council considered that the disclosure of the information to you otherwise than under the Act would contravene one of the data protection principles as set out in section 40(3)(a)(i) (first data protection principle – information processed fairly and lawfully).

When determining the privacy rights of the other individual (third party) the council considered that it would be unfair to disclose the personal data of the other individuals.

The council is withholding the information as detailed above under section 40(2). Please accept this letter as a partial refusal notice issued in accordance with section 17 of the Act.

In accordance with Section 16(1) of the Act, the council has a duty to provide advice and assistance to you, as far as it is reasonable to do so. The council can advise Nottingham City Council does not respond to unsolicited requests regarding sales,

procurement and commissioning. Departments must follow a strict procedure as the council has a responsibility to spend public money to achieve the best possible value and outcomes for its citizens whilst maximising the wider social, economic and environmental aims. The council can direct you to the council's website pages for procurement opportunities, events and how to sell to the council, where you can also find the contact details for the Procurement Team including an email address and phone number:

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/business-information-and-support/doing-business-with-nottingham-city-council/>

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Yours sincerely

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