

Surveillance Management Procedure

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1. Introduction

This procedure covers all matters relating to the use of video and audio recording equipment for overt surveillance in all buildings where the Organisation's employees work, and which members of the public utilise. Examples of surveillance used in schools might include Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), Automated Numberplate Recognition (ANPR), drones, video doorbells and body worn cameras (BWC). Covert surveillance under the Investigatory Powers Act (2016) is not covered by this document.

2. Quick Reference Guide

- Before undertaking surveillance consider if there is any other, less intrusive way, to meet your objective
- Always complete an impact assessment prior to carrying out any surveillance and consider whether you need to consult with those affected by the surveillance, or their parent/carers
- Ensure there is clear signage to make individuals aware that surveillance is in operation in line with regulatory requirements
- Ensure all surveillance recordings are held securely
- Ensure you have a process in place to enable access to surveillance recordings by individuals or investigators
- Do not keep surveillance data for longer than is necessary, and only retain in line with your retention policy
- Ensure relevant staff are trained to understand their responsibilities in relation to surveillance equipment and footage.

3. Policy References

This procedure is a requirement of the Data Protection Policy.

4. Surveillance Management Procedures

Responsibility

Within the Organisation responsibility for monitoring Data Protection issues resides with the Data Protection Officer (DPO). Responsibility for approving and reviewing this policy rests with the DPO, but responsibility for implementation of these procedures and for reporting performance issues under the policy rests with all employees who have involvement in the management of equipment. Responsibility for managing the deployment and use of cameras rests with identified members of staff with the appropriate authority to ensure procedures are adhered to.

Impact Assessments

Scope and Review: The siting of each CCTV camera that falls within the scope of this policy will be subject to an Impact Assessment ([Annex A](#)) before it is commissioned or a retrospective Impact Assessment where it was already operational before policy and this procedure was approved. Each site will be subject to a review against the Impact Assessment criteria every two years, or sooner should there be any relevant change to the building use. A register of surveillance equipment must be maintained ([Annex B](#)).

Ownership: Each site will have an identified owner who will take responsibility for the operation of all CCTV equipment on that premises or location. Where premises are shared with another organisation and control of CCTV equipment does not rest with the Organisation, or where operation of equipment is contracted out to a service provider, the Impact Assessment will still record the Organisation's Data Protection Lead as a point of contact who will be able to redirect queries to the relevant person outside of the Organisation.

Purpose: The Impact Assessment will establish whether or not there is a need for CCTV cameras in the first instance by recording the aims and benefits that the camera is meant to deliver and assessing whether there is any other solution that could achieve this.

Quality: The level of detail required of CCTV recordings will be assessed according to a categorisation scheme approved by the Home Office. The four quality levels of Monitoring, Detecting, Recognising and Identifying explain the various level of detail that is required for cameras to meet their stated purpose.

Wider Use: Consideration will be given as to whether or not there is any wider use that CCTV cameras serve other than the stated purpose. If there is then communicating this additional purpose will be considered.

Feedback: Signage and explanatory publications will make building users aware of the purpose of the cameras and how to register feedback. Any complaints or concerns raised about the siting or usage of cameras will be captured and considered in a review. The outcomes of reviews will be communicated to those who have raised concerns, and to a wider audience if deemed appropriate

Signage & explanatory publications

Signage. Signs explaining that CCTV recording is operational in the vicinity shall be clearly visible and legible in accessible areas of the building. They will state:

- The name of the Data Controller
- The name of the Data Protection Officer
- The purpose of the processing
- Data Subjects rights
- How to access the full privacy notice (QR code or web address)

A sign template is available for your use at [Annex E](#)

Explanatory Publications. At each building there will be an appropriate supply of an approved leaflet which gives summary details of the policy and procedure including advice about how to make a formal request to view recordings.

Retention, Security & Access

Retention of Recordings. The Organisation commits to retaining recordings for security from CCTV cameras under its control for 31 days. Cameras managed by partner organisations (not contracted service providers) are responsible for defining and publicising their own retention timescales. This period of time is based on the

recommended range of 12-31 days and our experience of the need for authorised usage. When this time period has expired, the data on the recorded tape or server will either be recorded-over, degaussed (deleting magnetic storage content) or disposed of – in any event deleted beyond the ability to reconstitute the content.

Security: Once a recording is complete, the tape or other storage medium will be held in a secure container or on a secure server to which only authorised persons trained specifically in the policy and procedures have access.

Access: Instances of access to recordings will be recorded in a log which can be produced on demand to the DPO, an authorised manager or Auditor/ Regulator and will be a complete record of access activity ([Annex C](#)). This log should state:

- Dates of access,
- the period and location covered by the recording,
- the reason for access and
- Name, position and authority of those who have accessed recordings.
- Whether or not copies were made.

There must be a single point within premises where a record of acceptance forms is stored. These will record signatures on approved forms of those who have had access and will support full auditability.

Usage

The Organisation's Usage: We will only use recorded CCTV images for the purposes which we have identified in our Impact Assessments and communicated through signage and explanatory leaflets.

Usage by other Organisations: We will ensure that where recordings are accessed by or copies are provided to other organisations, this will also fall within these stated purposes, or otherwise within the law. Where copies are provided, the organisation requesting the material will be required to agree to manage the data in accordance with the Data Protection Act/ General Data Protection Regulations ([Annex D](#)). Where regular general information sharing with a partner takes place we will have in place an Information Sharing Protocol under the Wider Eastern Information Stakeholder Forum (WEISF).

Recording: Where use is made of recordings by us or access granted or copies provided to other organisations, these instances will be recorded and kept up to date in a central log available for inspection by anyone with the authority to do so wishing to monitor compliance with this policy. The reasons for use will be recorded and approved ([Annex C](#)).

Handling Access Requests

Rights. Employees and members of the public whose images are captured by surveillance equipment have a right in law to access such recordings.

Data Protection Law. The Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations 2016 provide statutory rights for individuals (employees, students and members of the public) to have access to information held by

organisations about themselves. By the very nature of surveillance images there is likely to be information present on recordings that identifies not just the requesting Data Subject but other persons who had been present. This will require an assessment of whether or not third parties can be identified and if so what method and level of redaction may be necessary.

Freedom of Information Act. The Freedom of Information Act provides general statutory rights of access to information held by Public Authorities. In practice, the rules governing this access regime will be applied where a requestor is asking for information about a person or persons other than themselves.

Handling a Request. Employees and members of the public will see signage and explanatory guidance at the locations where recordings are made that directs them to the appropriate contact to receive formal requests. Such requests should be directed to the school office.

Equipment not managed by the Organisation

Shared or leased premises. There may be instances of buildings where our employees are based where surveillance equipment is not directly controlled by us. Some of these buildings are used by the public to access our services. Any equipment present in such circumstances is not managed by us and responsibility under Data Protection law therefore falls to the organisation in charge and they are the Data Controller. Such organisations should have in place the same provisions as described in this document including basic signage providing a contact point for queries and access requests. We have a responsibility to have appointed employees who will have limited responsibility for or oversight of the building and who are aware of the partner organisation's provisions for surveillance recordings and can redirect enquires to the appropriate contact.

Security Contractors. Private companies may undertake surveillance recording and data handling on our behalf. Where this occurs, we have a responsibility to ensure that personal data is being managed according to the provisions in this policy or where there is any difference in practice, this is recorded, explained and noted in the policy.

5. Advice and Support

If you have any issues over the clarity of these procedures, how they should be applied in practice, require advice about exemptions from the requirements or have any suggestions for amendments, please contact the school office.

6. Breach Statement

A breach of this procedure is a breach of Information Policy. Breaches will be investigated and may result in disciplinary action. Serious breaches of Policy may be considered gross misconduct and result in dismissal without notice, or legal action being taken against you.

Annex A: Surveillance Equipment Impact Assessment Forms



5A. Surveillance
Equipment Impact As:

Annex B: Surveillance Equipment Register



5DB. CCTV
Register.xlsx

Annex C: Recordings Access Log



5DC. Recordings
Access Log.xlsx

Annex D: Subject Access Request Forms

Data Subjects:



5DA. Access
Request Form - DS.docx

Investigators (e.g. The Police):



5DB. Access Request
Form - INV v2.docx

Annex E: Signage Template



CCTV poster.docx