

## **BS 8593: 2017 Code of practice for the deployment and use of Body Worn Video (BWV)**

The standard delivers a common framework to boost public trust in understanding of where and when BWV can be used. The voluntary standard provides technical and operational recommendations for the appropriate and proportionate deployment and use of Body Worn Video.

The standard was drawn up to address a gap in guidance due to the differences between the use of CCTV and BWV, and to avoid a repeat of the privacy concerns associated with the widespread roll out of CCTV.

BS 8593 covers planning and operational recommendations, outlining the need for BWV deployment to be based on legitimate reasons, particularly in terms of undertaking a Data Protection Impact Assessment.

Examples of legitimate deployment of BWV can include:

- Safeguarding employee safety and security – where a user of Body Worn Video may be at risk of physical or verbal attack, or working in a hazardous environment
- As a deterrent – if the device wearer is involved in policing or controlling an environment which people could try to disrupt
- Evidence capture – if the BWV user is involved in a role where they might witness or investigate criminal activity, and capturing visual or audio evidence could assist with future legal proceedings
- Promoting transparency – where a device wearer regularly encounters complaints, such as bailiffs or parking wardens
- Capturing data to use in process improvement or training – such as identifying learning opportunities

- Device recommendations – such as functionality, weight, image quality and encryption – are covered in the standard. A separate clause covers data management and security including data integrity, audit trails, storage and sharing redaction.
- Training for the device wearers, data handlers, and general operator guidance, is provided in the standard, along with a dedicated clause covering monitoring, escalation and response as agreed with the system owners.

The standard is applicable to BWV users and system owners, as well as suppliers and procurers. Examples of where BWV systems might be used include emergency services, taxi marshalling, warden schemes, security guarding, parking enforcement and door supervision.