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2025/707 - Record of Taped Interview (ROTI) and Record of Video Interview (ROVI) transcripts

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. How many ROTI/ROVI transcribers are currently employed by your police force?

11 typists – varying in hours.

2. Are ROTI/ROVI transcribers employees of your police force or is the work outsourced to an external agency? If outsourced, which external agency is the work outsourced to?

Typists in North Wales Police are employed by North Wales Police.

3. What, if any, formal or informal guidance are ROTI/ROVI transcribers provided with for the purpose of producing transcripts?

There is no formal guidance held by North Wales Police.

Training to learn how to complete transcripts is on the job. The exhibiting part of the process is completed by officers.

4. Does your police force produce ROTI/ROVIs (MG15s) for Magistrates' Court cases, or only for Crown Court? If not, what record of the suspect interview is provided for Magistrates' Court cases?

Mainly transcripts are completed for Crown Court cases. For each case Magistrates or Crown, a summary of the defendants interview is completed on the Police Report.

5. Does your police force use, or are you planning to use, automatic transcription systems to produce ROTI/ROVI transcripts?

We have trialled automated transcripts on 365 and still needs human intervention to read over the transcripts to amend the errors and correct the layout for the ROTI.

Automation is not used in the vast majority of cases.

6. If the answer to question 5 was "yes" - does/will the use of automatic transcription involve an automatic transcription system developed specifically for your police force or an existing automatic transcription system from an external provider?

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No – Microsoft 365 is used, which is available to any force who have 365.

7. Does your police force use, or are you planning to use, automatic transcription systems to produce transcripts of other types of audio/video recordings (e.g. emergency calls, body-worn camera footage, witness interviews)?

Not at the moment.

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