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### **2026/303 – cameras**

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

**Please can you tell me how many cameras are currently operated and used by your police force that are produced by Chinese companies. Please specify what type of camera this is, including but not limited to: CCTV cameras, ANPR cameras, body worn cameras, front and rear-facing dash cameras. If applicable, please also specify if any of these cameras, if produced by Chinese companies, use either live or retrospective facial recognition.**

#### CCTV

we have 12 CCTV systems with 90 Chinese cameras.

#### BWV

North Wales Police can confirm that its body-worn cameras are manufactured by a UK-based supplier who uses specialist electronics manufacturing partners within a global supply chain, which includes facilities in China. The devices are designed and specified by the supplier and produced exclusively to those specifications rather than being generic products manufactured for multiple brands.

In practice, this approach includes the following safeguards:

- The supplier designs and manufactures two camera models to specified requirements: a general purpose model that uses an American-manufactured chipset responsible for its core processing, and a second model, used for more specialised duties, that uses a Taiwanese-manufactured chipset.
- All recorded footage is protected using AES-256 encryption. Footage is encrypted during upload and stored in our own infrastructure.
- Where cameras support wireless upload or streaming, footage is encrypted in transit and the relevant systems have been penetration tested by independent UK security specialists.
- The camera management software is also routinely penetration tested by independent UK security specialists, and the supplier maintains independently assessed certifications including ISO27001, ISO9001, ISO14001 and Cyber Essentials Plus.

#### cameras that are in NWP vehicles

The only ones made in china are the 27 in car cameras – response from our provider is as follows – “ The vehicle camera system is manufactured by Howen Technologies Co Ltd, a company headquartered in Shenzhen, China. The devices are produced in China and supplied to us via an authorised distributor.

By way of context, a significant proportion of electronic and surveillance hardware used globally, including vehicle camera and telematics systems, is manufactured in China, reflecting its role as a major hub for electronics production and supply chains.

The cameras currently in use do not utilise live or retrospective facial recognition technology.”

#### ANPR

We have 51 HIK Vision ANPR cameras which are Chinese manufactured.

The HIK cameras do NOT connect in any way to the police network but to a third party server and the data from these cameras then passes through a firewall before it connects to the National ANPR service (NAS)

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