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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## This request pertains to the proposed use of the National Dashcam Safety Portal by Police Scotland. On 6th October 2023 the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs answered a question at Holyrood (question reference: S6W-21683) indicating that the pilot would not go ahead.

## Please see [safelinks.protection.outlook.com](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.parliament.scot%2Fchamber-and-committees%2Fquestions-and-answers%2Fquestion%3Fref%3DS6W-21683&data=05%7C01%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7Ccd761518b67243865ec908dbe9e363e8%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638360935085378795%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SHafwVF3zevycnPu5yWPKlJat4VaORm3d4mnbuWDM8E%3D&reserved=0)

## Police Scotland is almost the only force in the UK which does not use the freely-available Nextbase portal for dashcam submissions. Unlike the other forces, "Police Scotland has concluded that a stand-alone portal is not the optimum route".

## Please supply the following:

## 1. on what date and by whom was this decision made?

In response, I can advise you that Relevant review/consideration of dashcam portal capability was had around July 2023. This was discussed with involved parties and shared more formally in August 2023

## 2. a copy of the specific assessment used to decide against a stand-alone portal / in favour of DESC, which may take the form of relevant internal correspondence, documentation or meeting minutes.

Assessment was carried out through conversation, collaboration and evaluation amongst Police Scotland colleagues and wider discussion with consideration of:

* Transformation capacity within the organisation
* Current & Future Business & Technical Architecture
* Operational Policing Capacity
* Service Design
* Current/planned technology investment aligned with Digital Strategy

13th July 2023 – Time was set aside (within an already planned meeting between Police Scotland and Scottish Government/Police Division colleagues) to allow colleagues from Transport Scotland to join and discuss Dashcam Portal Project

In this meeting the up to date position of Police Scotland was shared and explained.

Mark Williams (Assistant Chief Constable – Operational Support) and Andrew Hendry (Chief Digital & Information Officer) agreed this position/proposed approach.

If you require any further assistance please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

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