

## [News story: Eboracum UK Ltd first private security firm to gain SCC's independent certification](#)

Security firm Eboracum was established in 2011 and now provides a range of services in York. These include security guarding, facilities management and community projects. The company also provide a street ranger service to the York business improvement district.

Body-worn cameras have become important items of equipment and are now deployed with operatives across the company. Supported by local police and the city council enforcement officers, body-worn cameras have enabled the provision of evidence leading to successful prosecutions. Aside from prosecutions, body-worn cameras have also been used to deter assaults on staff and prevent crime. They also inhibit aggressive behaviour.

Recognising the importance of maintaining public trust and confidence when conducting surveillance activity, Eboracum were committed to being transparent in demonstrating high standards and ethical use of their body-worn cameras and therefore decided to undertake voluntary certification assessment against the [surveillance camera code of practice](#), which is regulated by the Surveillance Camera Commissioner, Tony Porter.

The code of practice is intended to ensure that individuals and wider communities have confidence that public body surveillance cameras are deployed to protect and support them, rather than spy on them. The government is keen to encourage organisations to voluntarily adopt the code, which is a mandatory requirement for police forces in England and Wales.

Eboracum's procedures, privacy impact assessment and processes were audited by the Security Systems and Alarms Inspection board (SSAIB).

Eboracum UK has taken steps to ensure that their body-worn CCTV systems operate within a legal framework and meet the standards of the Surveillance Camera Commissioner's code of practice. This includes data security, appropriate usage, control of records and promoting a culture of honesty.

Carl Nickson, Director of Eboracum UK said:

Although accreditation is voluntary, I feel that it is important to demonstrate a transparent and compliant approach to the use of CCTV. We are leading from the front as the first security company to achieve this accolade and I hope that others will follow. Achieving this accreditation outlines that even small to medium businesses can put privacy, compliance and transparency at the top of the agenda.

Tony Porter, Surveillance Camera Commissioner, added:

A key component of my national surveillance camera strategy is to encourage organisations that are not bound by statute to comply with the Secretary of State's code of practice, to voluntarily adopt its provisions. In doing so, Eboracum have demonstrated a real commitment to ensure that the public can have confidence in their use of body-worn surveillance cameras. I congratulate them on their achievement and encourage other organisations to follow their example.

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## [Press release: Dstl Investigates the earth's upper atmosphere](#)

Using specially designed shoebox-sized satellites known as CubeSats, scientists will be able to study the Earth's upper atmosphere and find out how it impacts on radio frequencies through space.

Dr Mike O'Callaghan, Space Programme Manager at Dstl, said:

We're trying to find out how the ionosphere might affect us when we communicate. For example, are signals weaker during specific space weather conditions? It's important to understand the effects and how it might impact our communications around the world, specifically with military operations.

The Wideband Ionospheric Sounder CubeSat Experiment (WISCER) project builds on work carried out by Dstl and the University of Birmingham, which was partly funded by the UK Space Agency. It forms part of a joint programme with the Naval Research Laboratory in the United States (US). Plans are now in place to launch two CubeSat satellites during 2020/21, each with a UK and a US payload.

The UK payload will contain a WISCER antenna and waveform generator that will transmit a signal to a bespoke ground signal receiver, assessing the impact of the ionosphere on the signal. The US payload will measure how electron density changes with altitude. The collaboration offers the opportunity to generate data cost effectively, with both countries potentially sharing results.

Dr O'Callaghan added:

Space is a global endeavour and collaboration is absolutely critical to delivering the WISCER project. We're excited to be launching the project and will be looking at initial results once in orbit.

[video](#)

Here in the UK, Thales Alenia Space has been awarded a contract for £1.5 million to build the WISCER payload and ground signal receiver. Ben Olivier, CEO of Thales Alenia Space, said:

We are delighted to have been selected by Dstl to contribute to this important project, which will ultimately improve the understanding of operating in the space environment. Working with key partners Oxford Space Systems and Teledyne Defence & Space, we will deliver a complete experiment package including mission system engineering.

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## [Guidance: Contact the marine planning team at the MMO](#)

*Updated:* South details added

The MMO have marine planning officers based around the English coast. They are here to keep you up-to-date with the development of marine plans in your area.

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## [News story: OPG updates legal guidance on giving gifts](#)

OPG's [gifting practice note](#) explains the legal framework around giving gifts and has been updated to reflect recent judgements by the [Court of Protection](#).

It also explains the approach OPG takes if deputies or attorneys go beyond their authority to give gifts on behalf of the person they act for.

OPG has separate general [guidance on giving gifts for non-professional](#)

[deputies and attorneys](#).

Being an attorney or a deputy can be a demanding role – like a part-time job for some – and there are [practice notes covering a range of subjects](#) to help attorneys and deputies be as effective as they can.

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## **Notice: WS3 2XW, Impalloy Limited: environmental permit issued**

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Impalloy Limited
- Installation name: Impalloy Limited
- Permit number: EPR/JP3538LX/V005