<u>News story: Surveillance camera system</u> <u>buyers' toolkit launched</u>

Tony Porter, the Surveillance Camera Commissioner, has <u>launched a buyers'</u> <u>toolkit</u> – a key deliverable of the <u>National Surveillance Camera Strategy for</u> <u>England and Wales</u>.

The toolkit is an easy-to-follow guide for non-experts who are thinking about buying a surveillance camera system and want to ensure they buy an effective system that does what they want it to do.

It's aimed at small and medium sized enterprises (up to 250 staff) and microbusinesses (up to 9 staff) but the toolkit is valuable for any organisation considering using surveillance cameras.

Following the guidance in the toolkit will help people make informed decisions about whether surveillance can be justified as a solution to their problems. If surveillance cameras are necessary, then the toolkit is full of advice and tips on how to get the best out of your prospective suppliers.

Tony Porter said:

The launch of the toolkit is a significant milestone in the life of the National Surveillance Camera Strategy. I'm very grateful to the British Security Industry Association and everyone who has been involved in developing the toolkit.

This guidance will be extremely useful for any organisation thinking about installing a surveillance camera system to really consider if surveillance cameras are needed and if they are giving them the knowledge they need to buy, install and maintain an effective system.