



# OFFICE OF THE BIOMETRICS AND SURVEILLANCE CAMERA COMMISSIONER

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/biometrics-and-surveillance-camera-commissioner>

To:  
Chief Executive  
Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

## **Letter by email**

Dear Chief Executive,

### **Certificate of compliance of surveillance camera systems and the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 by the Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner.**

As you will be aware, my role as the Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner was created by virtue of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (PoFA). I am appointed by the Home Secretary under the terms of section 34(1) PoFA and independent of Government.

As Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner I have a number of statutory functions, one of which is to encourage *relevant authorities*, as defined by section 33(5) of the Act, to comply with the Secretary of State's "*Surveillance Camera Code of Practice*" (the Code). Your organisation is not a relevant authority as defined by the Act, however the Government's approach to such matters and indeed that of the Code is to encourage all organisations who operate surveillance camera systems in public places to voluntarily adopt the Code.

The Code can be accessed via the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/update-to-surveillance-camera-code>

Amongst my statutory functions I work closely with independent accreditation bodies within the security industry to deliver a certification scheme in respect of the surveillance camera systems in public places and which fall within my regulatory remit. One of those accreditation bodies is the Security Systems and Alarms Inspections Board (SSAIB).

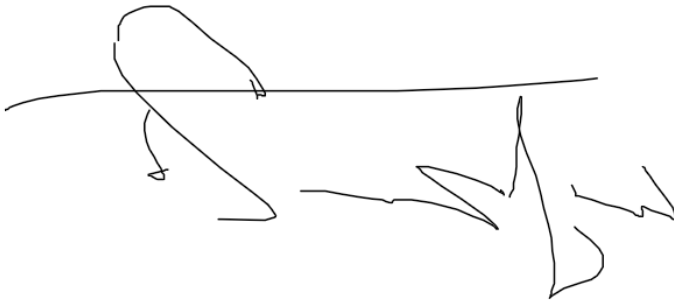
This scheme enables organisations to demonstrate that the systems they operate comply with the provisions of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 and the Code. By successfully engaging with the accreditation bodies and my certification scheme, an organisation, and more importantly the public, may be reassured that surveillance camera systems which intrude upon their privacy are being *demonstrably* operated ethically and legitimately to an appropriate standard. I acknowledge your excellent and most commendable commitment in that regard arising from your engagement with this process.

I congratulate you upon your successful engagement with SSAIB in respect of your CCTV, Body Worn Video (BWV) and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV/Drones) schemes. Under the provisions of the scheme you are entitled to display my certification mark on your website and indeed any public communication you publish in respect of the certified system you operate. I have included a copy of my certification mark.

If you are doing any media activity with regard to you attaining my certification mark, I would be happy to provide some supportive words on your achievement.

Please convey my appreciation to your team for their application to this process.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fraser Sampson', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract.

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