

University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2016

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Organisation Name: College of Policing

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Provisional title for project:

One year one, the impact of body worn video cameras on criminal justice outcomes for violent incidents in London.

100 word abstract of what the project would probably undertake, and any data to be used

The College of Policing undertook a randomised controlled trial. Violent incidents attended by treatment group officers wearing BWV were compared with violent incidents attended by control group officers not wearing BWV to measure any difference in related arrest, charge and convictions. The trial was 12 months long, so further analysis is desired to test the impact now there has been more time for cases to have progressed through the criminal justice system, particularly whether BWV footage increases the number of early guilty pleas and alters sentencing. Data from the Metropolitan police and Ministry of Justice would be provided.

Key words (up to 12)

Body worn video, violence, data analysis, criminal justice system

Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have

Essential:

Data analysis skills, logistic regression and chi square tests (or willingness to learn) are expected. Report writing skills, and good communication skills to present data clearly will be essential.

Desirable:

Interest in digital technology and violent crime.

Where the work would be carried out:

College of Policing offices.

Preferred selection method (interview or other meeting)

Interview

Support and training offered by the organisation

Guidance for the data analysis required will be given from those who undertook the analysis initially. Other development activity will be possible once at the College to suit the candidate.

Supporting information

The Met trial has been published on the website, and may be of interest:
http://whatworks.college.police.uk/Research/Documents/Police_Camera_Evidence.pdf

Financial assistance offered by the organisation

Travel and Expenses