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Presenter	Colin McMullan	Enter Other Presenter Name Here
Date of meeting	25 June 2026	
Title of paper (Maximum of 300 characters) Outcome of Body Worn Cameras Public Consultation		
Background (Maximum of 1500 characters) Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (BHSCT) undertook a 13 week public consultation from 23rd January 2026 to 17th April 2026 on the proposal to: - Introduce the use of body worn cameras (BWCs) in the Adult Emergency Departments at the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) and Mater Hospital (MIH) for a six-month pilot. and - Having evaluated and learnt from the pilot, consider the implementation of body worn cameras (BWCs), in other areas, when appropriate for the purpose of preventing, reducing and managing violence and aggression against staff. This paper is an analysis of the feedback received.		
Date considered at Exec Team (If Applicable)		2 June 2026
Options for consideration (Maximum of 1500 characters) Trust Board are asked to agree that the Body Worn Cameras pilot proceeds. A total of 326 people (65% BHSCT staff) provided feedback to the public consultation. Overall, there was strong support for the BWC proposal with the majority agreeing that staff need protecting and need to feel safe. Approximately 90% of respondents agreed with the proposal.		

BWCs will always be used in a proportionate way for a legitimate purpose. They will only be used by trained staff who volunteer to wear them and will be activated during incidents where abuse, threats or assault are occurring or likely to occur. Cameras will be overt, never hidden, and will not be used during personal care or intimate treatment.

48 adults with a learning disability contributed to the response as TILII (Telling It Like It Is) members, facilitated by ARC NI staff.

Recommendations (Maximum of 1500 Characters)

For Trust Board to approve that we commence a 6 month pilot in our Emergency Departments. Feedback from the public consultation has been extremely supportive.

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