



Our Reference: 3277

27/03/2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Enquiry: Non-operational CCTV cameras

Thank you for contacting West Yorkshire Combined Authority ('the Combined Authority') with your request for information, which was received on 02/03/2026.

Your request was for:

- *Information on the number of CCTV cameras in your area*
- *Information on the number of cameras that are faulty or non-operational across your area to date (March 2nd 2026) and also during the following periods 2024, 2025 and the current 2026 period. This can be broken down into months or years. However, the data is held.*
- *A percentage and number breakdown on reasons for them not being in use, ie vandalised, faulty, outdated equipment etc*
- *Where there were faulty cameras, I would like details on how long it took for those faults to be fixed. I am looking for data on the date a camera was reported faulty and then a date for when it was fully operational again.*
- *Details on how often CCTV systems in your area are reviewed, when was the last time the systems were reviewed or audited as a whole to check suitability rather than fault fixing specific cameras.*

This request was handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and I can confirm that the Combined Authority holds some of the information covered by your request:

- *Information on the number of CCTV cameras in your area*

West Yorkshire Combined Authority operates 277 CCTV cameras across the network. Please note that these figures may vary at times while site projects are underway, and temporary cameras are deployed to support operational requirements.

- *Information on the number of cameras that are faulty or non-operational across your area to date (March 2nd 2026) and also during the following periods 2024, 2025 and the current 2026 period. This can be broken down into months or years.*



I can confirm that the Combined Authority holds this information. However, we are withholding this information under Section 38(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which exempts us from the general duty to release information which would or would be likely to endanger:

- the physical or mental health of any individual, or
- the safety of any individual

Section 38 is a qualified exemption and as such, we are required to assess the public interest in withholding this information against that of its release, which is outlined below:

The Combined Authority is committed to openness and transparency and recognises the general public interest in local government spending and activities.

However, we also recognise the importance of public sector bodies having a duty of care towards members of the public, particularly in respect of individuals' health and safety.

In this case, the exemption relates to protecting members of the public, staff, contractors and visitors who use transport facilities monitored by the Combined Authority's CCTV network. The CCTV system is an important tool used to support safety, crime prevention and incident management across the network.

We consider that releasing information relating to CCTV faults and non-operational cameras would highlight potential vulnerabilities within the network. Publishing this information within the public domain could increase the likelihood of criminal activity targeting areas perceived to have reduced surveillance coverage, placing members of the public, staff, and infrastructure at greater risk.

CCTV systems act as both a deterrent, and a tool for monitoring and responding to incidents. Disclosure of such information could undermine this deterrent effect and increase the risk of crime, disorder, vandalism, or anti-social behaviour occurring in those locations; this impacts the safety and wellbeing of individuals using those facilities.

For these reasons, we consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs that of disclosure.

- *A percentage and number breakdown on reasons for them not being in use, ie vandalised, faulty, outdated equipment etc.*



Information on the number and percentage of cameras not in use is held by the Combined Authority but is being withheld from disclosure under S38(1) of the FoIA for the reasons outlined above.

The Combined Authority does not hold reportable information regarding breakdown by category. Fault reasons are recorded within individual maintenance tickets and are not centrally categorised for statistical reporting.

- *Where there were faulty cameras, I would like details on how long it took for those faults to be fixed. I am looking for data on the date a camera was reported faulty and then a date for when it was fully operational again.*

We do not hold this information, as we do not track overall repair times for formal reporting purposes; I would like to further explain this:

We do maintain a fault log which records the date a call-out is raised, along with the engineer's attendance details and repair notes; these entries document the progression of each fault as part of routine maintenance activity.

While this information enables us to monitor and manage repairs operationally, it is not, however, held in a format that allows a repair duration to be calculated.

- *Details on how often CCTV systems in your area are reviewed, when was the last time the systems were reviewed or audited as a whole to check suitability rather than fault fixing specific cameras.*

The Combined Authority's CCTV systems are covered by a contract that includes two planned preventative maintenance (PPM) visits per annum. The most recent PPM review took place in November 2025.

If you believe that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane



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For your information, there is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Information Governance Officer

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