

# Self assessment tool for Automatic Number Plate Recognition

How well does your organisation comply with the 12 guiding principles of the surveillance camera code of practice?

Complete this easy to use self assessment tool to find out if you do.

## Using this tool

This self assessment tool will help you and your organisation identify if you're complying with the principles in the code. It should be completed in conjunction with the surveillance camera code of practice (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/surveillance-camera-code-of-practice>). The tool will help you show how well you comply with each principle. It is possible to be largely compliant with some principles and to fall short against others. As a result you will note that at the end of the questions against each principle there is a space to include an action plan. This is to enable you to put actions in place over the next year to improve your compliance to that principle. These boxes can also be used to make a note of what evidence you could produce if required to show your compliance to that principle.

Use of ANPR by Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA), which include police forces, is subject to National ANPR Standards for Policing (NASP). NASP includes standards that support the principles of the code and compliance with NASP is a good indication of compliance with the code. Police forces and other LEA should consider this tool as part of any review of compliance with NASP and publish the result to aid transparency and accountability. Some parts of NASP may be relevant to other users of ANPR and are available at [www.npcc.police.uk/anpr](http://www.npcc.police.uk/anpr).

The tool contains a combination of open and closed questions. For the open questions there is a limit on how much you can write, so please feel free to include any additional notes as an annex to the document – there are additional blank pages at the end of the tool.

We do not want you to send the self assessment response to us. However, in the interest of transparency we encourage you to publish the self assessment on your website.

The self assessment is for you to satisfy yourself and those that you surveil that you meet the principles and identify any additional work to show compliance.

We would like you to let us know that you have completed this document as this will enable us to understand the level of uptake. Also please let us know if you will be interested in working towards certification against the surveillance camera code of practice in the near future or just be added to our mailing list.

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS**

Please forward any feedback to [scc@sccommissioner.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:scc@sccommissioner.gsi.gov.uk)

## Principle 1

Use of a surveillance camera system must always be for a specified purpose which is in pursuit of a legitimate aim and necessary to meet an identified pressing need.

Standards for ANPR infrastructure development and use are included within NASP Part 2 Section 7. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 1.

1. Have you translated principle 1 into clear objectives to meet your pressing need?  Yes  No

If so what are they?

2. Have you considered the requirement of the end user?  Yes  No

3. Is the system being used for any other purpose other than those specified?  Yes  No

If so please explain

4. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 1?  Yes  No

**Action plan**

## Principle 2

The use of a surveillance camera system must take into account its effect on individuals and their privacy, with regular reviews to ensure its use remains justified.

Standards for ANPR infrastructure development and use are included within NASP Part 2 Section 7. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 2.

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| 1. Do you review your system regularly?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Have you conducted privacy impact assessments?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Do you publish your privacy impact assessments and reviews?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. Do you feel there has been appropriate consultation in relation to your development of ANPR infrastructure?                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 2? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

### Action plan

## Principle 3

There must be as much transparency in the use of a surveillance camera system as possible, including a published contact point for access to information and complaints.

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| 1. Do you publicise the use of ANPR cameras in your area?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Do you identify the point of contact for information and complaints?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Does your publication of information include the procedures and safeguards that are in place, impact assessments undertaken, performance statistics and other management information? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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4. Do you have a complaints procedure in place?  Yes  No
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5. Do you make the public aware of how to escalate complaints?  Yes  No
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6. Is there a defined time scale for acknowledging and responding to complaints and is this conveyed to the complainant at the outset?  Yes  No
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7. Do you publish the number and nature of complains received?  
(NB Police forces professional standards departments, or local equivalents, are likely to provide for the appropriate receipt and management of complaints.)  Yes  No
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8. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 3?  Yes  No

**Action plan**

### Principle 4

There must be clear responsibility and accountability for all surveillance camera system activities including images and information collected, held and used.

Standards for ANPR infrastructure development and use are included within NASP Part 2. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 4.

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1. What arrangements are in place to provide clear responsibility and accountability?

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2. Are all staff aware of their responsibilities?  Yes  No
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3. Please explain how you ensure the lines of responsibility are adhered to.

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4. If you share ANPR infrastructure, is it clear what each partner organisation is responsible for and what the individual obligations are?  Yes  No

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5. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 4?  Yes  No

**Action plan**

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### Principle 5

Clear rules, policies and procedures must be in place before a surveillance camera system is used, and these must be communicated to all who need to comply with them.

Standards for ANPR development and use are included within NASP Part 2 and Part 3. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 5.

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1. Do you have clear policies and procedures which help ensure that any legal obligations affecting the use of such a system are addressed?  Yes  No

If so please specify.

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2. Do users receive training appropriate to their role?  Yes  No

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3. How do you ensure that all system users remain up to date and compliant with relevant operational, technical, privacy considerations, policies and procedures?

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4. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 5?  Yes  No

**Action plan**

## Principle 6

No more images and information should be stored than that which is strictly required for the stated purpose of a surveillance camera system, and such images and information should be deleted once their purposes have been discharged.

Standards for management and use of ANPR data are included within NASP Part 2 and Part 3. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 6.

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1. On what basis is the ANPR data retained and for how long?

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2. Do you have an auditable process for reviewing ANPR data (including images) and managing their retention?  Yes  No

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3. Are there any time constraints in the event of the enforcement agency not taking advantage of the opportunity to view the retained ANPR data?  Yes  No

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4. Are there any time constraints which might affect external parties from viewing the ANPR data?  Yes  No

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5. Do you quarantine all relevant ANPR data relating to a reported incident until such time as the incident is resolved and/or all the ANPR data have been passed on to official third parties?  Yes  No

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6. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 6?  Yes  No

**Action plan**

**Principle 7**

Access to retained images and information should be restricted and there must be clearly defined rules on who can gain access and for what purpose such access is granted; the disclosure of images and information should only take place when it is necessary for such a purpose or for law enforcement purposes.

Standards for management and use of ANPR data are included within NASP Part 3. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 7.

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1. Do you have a policy on who has access to the stored information?  Yes  No

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2. Do you have a policy on disclosure of information?  Yes  No

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3. What checks do you have in place to ensure that the disclosure policy is followed?

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4. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 7?  Yes  No

**Action plan**

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**Principle 8**

Surveillance camera system operators should consider any approved operational, technical and competency standards relevant to a system and its purpose and work to meet and maintain those standards.

Standards for development, management and use of ANPR are included within NASP Parts 1, 2 and 3. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 8.

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1. What approved operational, technical and competency standards relevant to a surveillance system and its purpose does your system meet?

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2. How do you ensure that these standards are followed appropriately?

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3. What steps are in place to secure certification against the approved standards?

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4. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 8?

Yes  No

**Action plan**

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### Principle 9

Surveillance camera system images and information should be subject to appropriate security measures to safeguard against unauthorised access and use.

Standards for management and use of ANPR are included within NASP Parts 1, 2 and 3. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 9.

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1. What security safeguards do you have in place to ensure the integrity of images and information?

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2. If the system is connected across an organizational network or intranet, do sufficient controls and safeguards exist?  Yes  No

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3. What is the specified purpose for which the information is being used and accessed and is this consistent with the stated purposes?

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4. Do you have preventative measures in place to guard against misuse of data and images?  Yes  No

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5. Are your procedures and instructions and/or guidelines regarding the storage, use and access of surveillance system information documented?  Yes  No

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6. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 9?  Yes  No

**Action plan**

### Principle 10

There should be effective review and audit mechanisms to ensure legal requirements, policies and standards are complied with in practice, and regular reports should be published.

Standards for management and use of ANPR are included within NASP Parts 1, 2 and 3. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 10.

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1. Does your system have a review process that shows it still addresses the needs and delivers the benefits that justify its use?  Yes  No

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2. Have you identified any cameras that do not remain justified in meeting the stated purpose(s)?  Yes  No

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3. Have you conducted an evaluation in order to compare alternative interventions to surveillance cameras?  Yes  No

If so please provide brief details.

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4. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 10?  Yes  No

**Action plan**

### Principle 11

When the use of a surveillance camera system is in pursuit of a legitimate aim, and there is a pressing need for its use, it should then be used in the most effective way to support public safety and law enforcement with the aim of processing images and information of evidential value.

Standards for management and use of ANPR are included within NASP Parts 1, 2 and 3. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 11.

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1. Are the ANPR data and images produced by your system of a suitable quality for the criminal justice system to use?  Yes  No

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2. Do you have safeguards in place to ensure the forensic integrity of the ANPR data and images including a complete audit trail?  Yes  No

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3. Do you have a policy on data storage, security and deletion?  Yes  No
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4. Is the information stored in a format that is easily exportable?  Yes  No
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5. Does the storage ensure the integrity and quality of original recording and the meta data?  Yes  No
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6. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 11?  Yes  No

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## Principle 12

Any information used to support a surveillance camera system which compares against a reference database for matching purposes should be accurate and kept up to date.

Standards for management and use of ANPR are included within NASP Parts 1, 2 and 3. Compliance with NASP is indicative of compliance with Principle 12.

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1. Do you have a policy in place to ensure that the information contained on your database is accurate and up to date?  Yes  No
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2. Do you have a procedure for deciding when and whether an individual or vehicle should be included in a reference database?  Yes  No
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3. What policies are in place to determine how long information remains in the reference database?

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4. Have you identified any areas where further action is required to more fully conform with the requirements of Principle 12?

Yes  No

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