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Airwave Health Monitoring Study.

The Airwave radio system has been live in Merseyside since 2003. At the beginning of the Airwave project there were some concerns about the technology used which focused on possible effects of ill health. Assurances have been sought and received from the Home office that there was no evidence from any credible source that the technology being used posed any discernible health risk. Notwithstanding these reassurances Imperial College in London have been commissioned to carry out a long-term health monitoring study to allay any remaining fears of Police Officers and Police Staff. We are pleased to tell you that Merseyside Police has the opportunity to take part in this research programme.

The purpose of this letter is simply to state that Merseyside Police, Merseyside Police Federation, Merseyside Superintendents Association, MPO and Merseyside Branch of UNISON fully support this research and actively encourage all staff (not just Airwave Users) to participate in it. Remember, the research will only produce truly valid results if there is a high participation and return rate.

This letter accompanies correspondence from the Imperial College, London. To take part in the research you are asked to accurately complete the enclosed questionnaire, give your consent to Imperial College being provided with some personal data (this will be treated confidentially and the data concerned is detailed in their correspondence) and, should you so wish, take part in a free health screening session within the following 12 months.

This is a comprehensive health screen including ECG and blood tests, similar to a private executive medical, the results of which are totally confidential to you. Under no circumstance will any health information from an individual record be made available to anyone outside the Imperial College research team.

Please take the time to read the enclosed correspondence carefully and we trust that we can count on your support and that you will participate fully in this very important area of research.

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