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AIRWAVE HEALTH MONITORING STUDY

A Joint Letter from Tayside Police, Tayside Police JBB of the Scottish Police Federation, the Tayside Police Branch of Unison, Tayside Police Branch of Transport and General Workers Union and Tayside Police Health and Safety Adviser

As you are aware Tayside Police has introduced Airwave, the National Police Radio System and the system is now fully live in most of the UK.

At the beginning of the Airwave project there were some concerns about the technology used which focused on possible effects on 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 discernable health risk. Notwithstanding these reassurances, this Force, together with its staff associations, requested that staff be involved at an early opportunity in research being undertaken in the form of long-term health monitoring study to allay any remaining fears of our staff. The national scientific based study is being conducted by the Imperial College, London.

The purpose of this letter is straightforward. It is simply to state that those named in the heading fully support this research. Indeed we actively encourage participation. It is accepted that we are all busy people who often have little spare time within any working day, however, sometimes things are worth making time for and this is one such thing. Please participate in the research. It will only produce truly valid results if there is a high participation and return rate.

This letter will accompany correspondence from the Imperial College London, whose research will help identify whether there is any impact on health in the medium to long term. To take part in the research you are asked to accurately complete the enclosed questionnaire, give your consent to Imperial College London being provided with some personal data, (this will be treated confidentially and the data concerned is detailed in their correspondence), and should you wish, take part in a free health screening at a later date. This is a comprehensive health screening including ECG and blood tests similar to a private executive medical, the results of which are totally confidential to you. **Under no circumstances 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 research.

Yours sincerely

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