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Dear

I write in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on 18 September 2026.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Thames Valley has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
Dear Freedom of Information Officer, I am writing to make a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the funding, procurement, and installation timeline of the recent town centre CCTV upgrade project in Newbury, West Berkshire. Newbury BID has confirmed that the funding for this new CCTV system upgrade was provided by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), with the installation handled by Escotec. They have stated that the system was non-operational and not recording on 11th July 2026 due to these ongoing works. To ensure transparency regarding public safety provisions during major public events, please provide the following information:	

1. The official project initiation date, procurement contract, or service level agreement (SLA) between the Thames Valley OPCC, Newbury BID, and Escotec regarding the Newbury town centre CCTV upgrade.	A: No Data Held: Project was funded by the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner through grant funding = £45,746 (inc. VAT).
2. The scheduled timeline and project milestones for the installation works, specifically detailing the dates allocated for hardware removal, system downtime, and technical upgrades during June, July, and August 2026.	A: No Data Held
3. Any formal risk assessments or impact assessments conducted by or submitted to the OPCC concerning public surveillance downtime in Newbury town centre during public events in the summer of 2026.	A: No Data Held
4. The exact date the contract was signed and the date the system upgrades were officially approved by the OPCC.	A: No Data Held