

# Body-Worn Cameras

Criminal Justice

Adopted fast, evaluated unevenly, and still giving mixed results.

**Cameras worn by officers, intended to change behaviour on both sides of an encounter.**

## **BEST-SUPPORTED EFFECT**

**Fewer complaints against officers**

## **CONTESTED EFFECT**

**Reduction in use of force**

- Early single-site results looked strong
- Larger trials found smaller or null effects
- Effects on complaints are more consistent
- Effects on use of force are genuinely mixed
- Activation policy shapes what is captured

## **LOOK FOR IT**

A large trial in Washington DC found no significant effect on force or complaints.

**Educational reference. Results vary with activation rules, footage access and how force is recorded. Evidence remains mixed.**