**The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Remote Reviews of Detention) Regulations 2014**

Dear Chief Officer,

The purpose of this circular is to inform you that The Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Remote Reviews of Detention Regulations 2014 (SI 2014/3279) laid before Parliament on 15th December 2014, come into force on 8th January 2015

The Regulations apply to all police stations in England and Wales and when they are in force, a review of the detention of a person who has not been charged may carried out by an inspector who is not present at the station where the person is detained using video conferencing facilities.

The Regulations *allow* the use of video conferencing facilities, they *do not require* such facilities to be installed or used. However, when it is reasonably practicable to use those facilities, a review of detention before charge cannot be carried out by telephone.

The Regulations and Explanatory Memorandum which sets out the purpose of the Regulations and provides information about how they apply, are published here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/3279/contents/made>

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