

Guide to the Security Body Scanner at Kibble

Why is a security body scanner being introduced?

Kibble's aim is to ensure that if searches need to be carried out, that they are respectful, dignified and as unobtrusive as possible.

As an organisation, Kibble is committed to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and will promote the rights of all children, and responsibilities of adults to uphold their rights.

The introduction of the security body scanner helps Kibble to uphold the Secure Care Pathways and Standards Scotland (2020), The Promise and the Care Inspectorates Key Question 7.



Fig 1. Image of the body scanner

Who will be invited to be scanned?

All visitors to the Safe Centre will be invited to be scanned. The scanner may also be used by other Kibble services.

Are body scanners safe?

We know going through security-checks can be daunting, but we can assure you that the security scanner we use is completely safe. The UK government concluded that the use of this type of equipment does not pose any risk to health. The scanning equipment does not produce x-rays, nor does it emit ionising radiation.

The scanner uses millimetre waves – radio waves that have a power output much lower than portable personal devices like mobile phones. It can detect a wide range of potential security threats, and none of the data images are stored.



What is the process when using the scanner?

Staff will provide you with a secure locker to store all your personal items and belongings.

Body scanning requires a person to remove their shoes and belt, if worn, and to stand in a particular position within the scanner. This will be clearly visible.

There is no physical sensation and the process will take less than 10 seconds. If the scanner detects any potentially dangerous items on your person, the operator will conduct a further check.

Can I view the electronic figure that's produced of me?

Yes. You can view this as you exit the scanner. The image produced by the scanner is a generic stick-like figure, as shown, with markings on those areas of the body where the scanner has detected concealed items on the person.

Images taken are analysed digitally within the equipment, therefore the millimetre wave image of the user is never seen, stored, printed or transmitted.

The scanner is deliberately programmed so that no image can be retained, printed or transmitted.

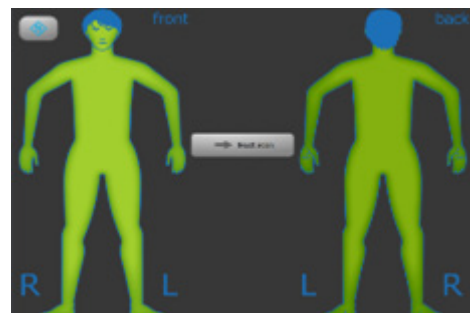


Fig 2. Digital image produced by the body scanner

Opting out of scanning

If you wish to opt out of the security body scanner search an alternative private security check can be conducted. This check will involve the removal of outer clothing and the loosening and/or removal of other garments.

Please be aware that this alternative screening method will take significantly longer than going through a body scanner due to additional staff resources that need to be made available.

Note: Refusal to permit any security search will result in no entry to the secure area of the Safe Centre.

Additional information

All enquiries related to the body scanner can be emailed to communications@kibble.org



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