

- 1p 28 Wat wordt in dit artikel onder andere duidelijk over politieagenten in Bedfordshire?
- A Ze hebben een tekort aan goede computerapparatuur.
  - B Ze hebben te weinig tijd om alle politiegegevens digitaal te verwerken.
  - C Ze hebben weinig mensen met goede computervaardigheden.
  - D Ze spelen te veel spelletjes op hun handcomputers.
  - E Ze worden met behulp van computers getraind voor praktijksituaties.

# Computer Police

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BEDFORDSHIRE Police issued 1,000 front-line officers with BlackBerry devices so that they could spend less time at their desks and 'more time deterring and solving crimes'.

However, the force has moved to disable the game options such as 'bat and ball' on the gadgets after officers were caught playing with them in meetings.

Police officers have been rebuked for playing games on the newly issued hand-held computers which were championed by Gordon Brown<sup>1)</sup> for allowing police to spend more time on the beat.

The devices were issued nationwide this year to enable officers to access the Police National Computer (PNC), briefings, intelligence and warrants databases. About 10,000 of the devices were sent to 27 police forces, costing £50 million.

The Prime Minister claimed they could cut average paperwork by 99 minutes a shift although some officers complained that the devices were less efficient than a notepad and pen.

Bedfordshire Police were unavailable for comment.

noot 1 Gordon Brown = toenmalige premier