



Freedom of Information Request 1158/19

Response Date: 29th October 2019

I write to request information and records under the FOIA, regarding South Wales Police's use of live facial recognition technology and collaboration with external companies.

1. Has your force collaborated or cooperated with any external companies which have used live facial recognition? If yes, please provide details including the name of the companies, manner of collaboration (e.g advice, sharing images), the time period of the collaboration, locations, any costs involved, and which uses have ceased or are continuing.
 - a. If yes, did your force share images as part of the collaboration? Please provide the number of images, the source or datasets from where the images came from, a full list of purposes for which the images were shared, the legal basis on which the images were shared, and data security/management protocols around the handling of the shared data.
 - b. If yes, what was the rank of the officer who authorised the collaboration? What process was followed before the collaboration was authorised?
 - c. If yes, what was the protocol arranged for the event of a match alert?
 - d. If yes, how many times were you alerted to a match alert? How many of those led to further police action being taken?
 - e. If yes, how many true positive matches were there during the collaboration?
 - f. If yes, how many false positive matches were there during the collaboration?
2. Does your force have any policy guidance relating to collaboration with external companies using live facial recognition and/or the retention of images resulting from the use of live facial recognition?
 - a. If yes, when were the policies created? (Please provide a copy of said policies)
 - b. How many images captured in the course of using live facial recognition technology have been retained for storage?
3. Has your force completed a privacy or data protection impact assessment in relation to collaboration with external companies using live facial recognition technology? If so, please provide a copy.
4. Has your force scrutinised a privacy impact assessment conducted by any external companies operating live facial recognition with whom you have collaborated? If so, please describe when and provide a copy.
5. Does your force have any plans to use or trial live facial recognition or plans to collaborate with any external companies in the future?

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RESPONSE

Question 1

South Wales Police have not collaborated with any external companies to deploy facial recognition technology. South Wales Police does deploy facial recognition itself, full details can be found at:

<http://afr.south-wales.police.uk/>

Question 2

South Wales Police do not have any policy guidance relating to collaboration with external companies using live facial recognition and/or the retention of images resulting from the use of live facial recognition.

Question 3

South Wales Police have not completed a privacy or data protection impact assessment in relation to collaboration with external companies using live facial recognition technology.

Question 4

South Wales Police have not scrutinised a privacy impact assessment conducted by any external companies operating live facial recognition with whom we have collaborated.

Question 5

South Wales Police has no plans to collaborate with any external companies on the deployment of live facial recognition technology. South Wales Police does deploy facial recognition itself, full details can be found at:

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