



Freedom of Information Request 311/19

Response date: 20th May 2019

I write to request information and records under the FOIA, regarding South Wales Police's use of live, automated facial recognition (AFR) technology with public surveillance cameras on 18th January 2018 for the 'Royal Visit'.

Specifically, I am asking the following:

1. Please could you provide me with the purpose of the watch list of images used on 18th January 2018 for the Royal Visit, including the following information:
 - a. What was the origin of the images used?
 - b. What was the justification for the use of these images?
2. How many individuals on the watchlist were wanted for arrest, either on a warrant and/or suspicion of criminal activity?
3. How many individuals on the watch list were not wanted for arrest?
 - a. If applicable, why were individuals not wanted for arrest included on the watch-list?

RESPONSE

Question 1a

The watch list was concise and dedicated to the event and for the protection of the subjects, the list only included those images provided by the Royal Protection Event Intelligence package. They were custody images.

Question 1b & 3a

Automated facial recognition (AFR) was deployed to compliment other deployed overt and covert tactics to ensure the safety of the subjects during their time at Cardiff Castle.

Intelligence was received via Royal Protection of known individuals who posed a risk to the subjects and AFR was utilised at the single point of entry to both deter and if attending, identify those individuals. Intelligence was that those individuals were likely to disrupt the event and/or posed a risk to those attending the event. This also includes individuals who were not wanted for arrest.

Question 2

The number of individuals on the watch list that were wanted for arrest was 0.

Question 3

The number of individuals on the watch list that were not wanted for arrest was 9.

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