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In the article http://www.itv.com/news/central/2017-06-10/armed-robber-caught-on-cctv-wearing-distinctive-bucket-hat/ it states, "However, police obtained clear CCTV to identify his clothes and digital facial recognition technology to prove he was the attacker." please advise:

1) How many facial recognition technology systems are available to West Midlands Police? And subsequently advise, if applicable, the following queries as per each facial recognition system.

No information held. West Midlands Police does not utilise its own facial recognitions systems at present. This type of work is provided by external companies.

2) Please advise which company supplies the facial recognition technology/ies available to West Midlands Police?

As per question 1 above, West Midlands Police do not hold any facial recognition technology systems. This work is outsourced to Forensic Video Services, Key Forensic Services and the Laboratory of the Government Chemist.

3) How long has West Midlands Police had access to facial recognition technology?

The force has utilised external suppliers for at least the last 15 years.

4) Which facial database/s (data set/s) the facial recognition technology is being referenced to.

No information held (see q1 above)

5) How many searches have been conducted with facial recognition technology?

No information held (see q1 above)

6) Can the facial recognition technology/ies be used in a real time scenario?

No information held (see q1 above)

7) Please advise the rate of false positive results (i.e. where an individual has been incorrectly identified).

No information held (see q1 above)

8) Please advise the rate of false negative results (i.e. where an individual has not been correctly identified).

No information held (see q1 above)

9) Please supply the Privacy Impact Assessment for the facial recognition technology.

No information held (see q1 above)

10) Please supply any Fair Processing Notice for the facial recognition technology.

No information held (see q1 above)