



Freedom of Information request 01/FOI/22/1177

1. Does British Transport Police have any plans to introduce facial recognition?
2. If so, please provide all information relating to those plans.
3. Does British Transport Police have any plans to introduce retrospective facial recognition?
4. If so, please provide all information relating to those plans.

RESPONSE

Please note that terminology used within this response reflects the description of different forms of facial recognition set out on the following link by the National Policing Lead: <https://www.met.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/force-content/met/advice/lfr/other-lfr-documents/terminology-overview.pdf>

Questions 1 and 2

We have interpreted these questions to be relating to live facial recognition and officer initiated facial recognition.

British Transport Police has an intention to implement facial recognition within the next five years. However, there are no current formal plans or sign off in place.

Questions 3 and 4

British Transport Police is keeping abreast of NPCC developments relating to the use of retrospective facial recognition within policing. We have an intention to introduce retrospective facial recognition within the next five years, but there is no formal agreement or sign off in place on this intention at this time.

Our officers have access to the RFR function within the Police National Database.