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Via Whatdotheyknow.com

Sent via email to: - request-263560-844bc497@whatdotheyknow.com

28 April 2015

Dear Ms King,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: 6643/15

Thank you for your request for information received by Lancashire Constabulary on the 13 April 2015 which was as follows:-

A Freedom of Information request response from Leicestershire Police cites your force as showing an interest in Leicestershire Police's facial recognition system they use, NeoFace. See:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/leicestershire_police_using_biom#incoming-628275

Under the Freedom of Information Act please could you supply the following information:

1) Please could you advise is the force is planning to use facial recognition (FR) technology.

2) If the answer to Q1 is yes, please answer i) – vi)

i) Please advise in what capacity FR will be deployed.

ii) Which companies are you considering/are supplying the FR technology?

iii) How much is the FR project costing?

iv) Please provide any privacy impact assessments done with regards to using FR.

v) Please advise if any public or private consultancy has happened or is planned to happen. Please supply copies.

vi) Please advise if you have taken any advice from external bodies and what advice was sought and given. i.e, the Home Office, Biometrics Commissioner, the Information Commissioner's Office, etc.

3) If the answer to Q1 is no, please advise the reasons why.

Your request has now been considered and the information you are seeking cannot be provided at this time.

Lancashire Constabulary are currently running an internal trial of the NeoFace system which is being sponsored by ACC Bates. No live data or feeds are being used and therefore the questions asked by yourself are not relevant.

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The trial is very much in the early stages and at present Lancashire has no plans for either purchase of the system nor an operational roll out. If the force were to procure such a system then it would go through the full procurement exercise, PIA etc.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision, you should write to the Information Assurance & Vetting Manager, Information Assurance & Vetting, Police Headquarters, Saunders Lane, Hutton, Preston PR4 5SB or alternatively send an email to information@lancashire.pnn.police.uk. Details of the Constabulary's Freedom of Information Complaint Procedures can be found attached to this email.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Lancashire Constabulary. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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