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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1555/25 Facial Recognition Evidence

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 28th November 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to know the following information for your department:

- 1. Please detail the number of cases in which facial recognition evidence was used as part of the investigation or as evidence in legal proceedings*
- 2. The number of arrests, charges or convictions resulting from the use of facial recognition evidence each year for the past three years, from January to December (including this year).*
- 3. I would also like to know if you use AI-based risk assessment systems to predict re-offences.*

E.g.

January 2025 - December 2025

- 100 cases where facial recognition was used as part of the investigation*
- 20 arrests off the back of facial recognition evidence*
- We do use AI-based risk assessment systems*

Your request for information has now been considered, and I can confirm that whilst Cumbria Constabulary use retrospective facial recognition, it is not used as evidence in investigations or legal proceedings. Therefore, the response to questions one and two is nil.

In relation to question three, following relevant searches, there have been no records found of use of AI-based risk assessment systems to predict re-offences.

Complaint Rights

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

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The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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