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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1122/24 OPERATOR INITIATED FACIAL RECOGNITION (OIFR)

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 15th December 2024. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the following information relevant to your Police Force between the dates of January 1st 2023 and December 15th 2024;

1. *Have your police officers received training in the use of OIFR?*
 - a. *Provide all dates, locations of training*
 - b. *Provide details of those who were running training sessions/demonstrations*
2. *Has your police force deployed OIFR? If true;*
 - a. *Declare how many times it has been used, stating when and where.*
3. *Has your police force observed demonstrations of OIFR? If true;*
 - a. *Provide dates and locations of demonstrations*
4. *Has your police force tested OIFR? If true;*
 - a. *Provide dates and locations of testing*
 - b. *Was this testing done in private, or used on civilians*
5. *Does the police force have access to the OIFR app? If true;*
 - a. *State how long the police force has had access to the OIFR app*
6. *Furthermore, please also declare if there are future plans to deploy OIFR in your police force.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can advise you Cumbria Constabulary does not use and has not deployed OIFR and no information is held regarding questions 1 – 5.

With regards to question 6, the Constabulary is reviewing its capability to deploy OIFR in future.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.



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