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Dear XXXXXXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 423/25

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on 8 April 2025.
I note you seek access to the following information:

Questions 1-6 relate to the period from January 2023 to present.

1. *Has Cumbria Constabulary deployed live facial recognition?*
 - a. *Please provide dates and locations for each deployment.*
2. *Has Cumbria Constabulary used any form of retrospective facial recognition?*
 - a. *Please specify whether this is via the Police National Database (PND), any other database, or a combination.*
 - b. *If any database other than the PND was accessed for the purposes of retrospective facial recognition, please specify the database(s) and the number of searches that have been conducted.*
3. *Has Cumbria Constabulary deployed operator initiated facial recognition?*
 - a. *Please provide dates and locations for each deployment.*
4. *Has Cumbria Constabulary deployed any form of facial recognition in conjunction with body-worn video?*
 - a. *Please provide dates and locations for each deployment.*
5. *Where live facial recognition has been used:*
 - a. *How many individuals were on the watchlist used in each instance?*
 - b. *How many of those on the watchlist were not wanted for arrest in each instance?*
 - c. *For what reasons were these people included?*
6. *At each deployment, how many alerts were generated?*
 - a. *How many of these were true alerts (confirmed and unconfirmed) and how many were false alerts (confirmed and unconfirmed)?*
 - b. *Please provide the engagement outcomes for each deployment, showing how many resulted in arrest, other disposal, or no action.*
7. *Does Cumbria Constabulary plan to deploy live facial recognition?*
 - a. *If so, please specify dates and locations of any planned trials or deployments.*
8. *Does Cumbria Constabulary plan to deploy operator initiated facial recognition?*
 - a. *If so, please specify dates and locations of any planned trials or deployments.*



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9. *Please provide any internal policy document, guidelines or legal basis governing Cumbria Constabulary's use of facial recognition technology, including any Data Protection Impact Assessment.*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold information relevant to your request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

1. No
2. Yes – PND
3. No
4. No
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. Discussion remains ongoing but this will be based on national direction and supporting legislation and guidance
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9. No document currently exists

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

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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If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

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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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