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XXXXXX – by E mail

Date: 3rd December 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 /1009

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 2nd December 2021 concerning Predictive Policing Programmes.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and – having consulted our Business Performance, Intelligence and IT Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote :

We sent Wiltshire Police a FOIA request in 2018 seeking information about whether it was using predictive policing programmes.

You did not respond to that FOIA request. We write to you again under FOIA to request information on Wiltshire Police's current use of predictive policing programmes.

By predictive policing programmes, we mean any police programme that involves the inputting of data and production of outputs that are used to predict where and when crime will happen, usually either by identifying areas of 'high crime' or individuals who are likely to commit or be victims of crime. Usually but not always predictive policing programmes use algorithms or artificial intelligence to evaluate police data and make predictive decisions.

In addition to 'predictive policing programmes', you may refer to these programmes as 'algorithmic decision making', 'predictive mapping programmes', 'individual risk assessment programmes', etc..

Please answer the following questions.

1. Is Wiltshire Police currently trialling/using, or does it have plans to trial/use, any predictive policing programme?

If the answer to question 1 is yes, please answer questions 2 to 7 in respect of each programme trialled/used or for which there are plans to trial/use.



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2. What is the name given to this programme?
3. When was the programme first used/trialled?
4. How does this programme work?
Specifically:
 - a. Please explain the purpose of the programme.
 - b. Please provide any documents that outline the scope and operation of the programme.
5. Please provide any guidance/policies governing Wiltshire Police's use of this programme.
6. Please provide any Privacy Impact Assessment, Data Protection Impact Assessment and/or Equality Impact Assessment conducted in relation to this programme. Please provide the dates when these assessments were conducted. If no such assessments were conducted, please state as such.
7. What testing and/or research has been conducted in order to investigate the potential for bias within the programme, in order to comply with Wiltshire Police's Public Sector Equality Duty under s149 Equality Act 2010?

Our response:

Wiltshire Police do not currently use any predictive policing software.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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