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Date: September 18, 2023

Our ref: FOI 2023/736

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25th July 2023.

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.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Data Protection Officer and the IT Department at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You Wrote:

In the DPIA your force previously provided for Qlik Sense (attached), you reference using Qlik Sense to "provide risk-based "scoring" of individuals" (p.10), stating that: "Algorithms will be created which rank persons according to the risk/harm they may cause/be subject to [...]" (p.10) In the same document, you also state: "use of predictive analytics software will be subject to their own DPIA" (p.10). I would like to request copies of any/all of the DPIAs your force has completed relating to your force's usage of any/all predictive analytics software.

You claim that "Wiltshire Police do not use any Predictive Analytical software. As a result, there is no DPIA on predictive analytical outputs or software." However, in an earlier FOI response Ref: 2022/707 received 6th October 2022, you confirm using Qlik Sense for predictive location or geographic crime mapping, saying "We use Qlik Sense to map crimes and incidents", as well as individual risk assessments "to automate risk assessments of people accused and/or suspected if committing crime." Both these tools are indisputably predictive analytical software – their outcomes analyse historic data for predicting or forecasting future crime events, trends, and risks.

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As such, I am requesting you provide the DPIAs completed by your force for usage of the Qlik Sense geographic mapping and individual risk assessment tools, as well as any other predictive analytics software accessible via the Qlik Sense software.

Response:

On reviewing your original Freedom of Information request, the response provided to you and your request for an Internal Review, I can respond as follows:

There is no information held relevant to your request.

To clarify, we have previously provided the Data Protection Impact Assessment for 'Qlick Sense' which shows its use.

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,

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

Force Disclosure Unit

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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.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 Fol 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

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Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>