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Date: July 31, 2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/671

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15th July 2025 concerning software.

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 I am able to respond as follows.

You Wrote:

I am seeking information about software trialled and/or deployed by your force. For background context to assist you, here are the definitions of the two types of software I will refer to:

1) Geographic predictive policing systems: These are systems which focus on places and seek to predict whether crime will occur there, profile the area as a high-risk crime area, or crime 'hotspot'. The software uses historic crime data to predict where crimes are more likely to occur in the future.

2) Individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment systems: These are software systems which focus on individuals, seeking to predict their likelihood or risk of certain behaviour, such as committing a crime or criminalised act. These systems are also sometimes referred to as individual risk assessment systems. Police in the UK use these systems to give individuals a risk score, such as low, medium or standard, or high.

Here is my request:

In the year 2020, did your force trial geographic predictive policing software?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, did your force use geographic predictive policing software as an ongoing tool?

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If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on trialling geographic predictive policing software?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on using geographic predictive policing software as an ongoing tool?

Please provide the name(s) of any geographic predictive policing software trialled in 2020?

Please provide the name(s) of any geographic predictive policing software used in 2020 as an ongoing tool?

Please also provide answers to the above questions for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (to date)

In the year 2020, did your force trial individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, did your force use individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software as an ongoing tool?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on trialling individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on using individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software as an ongoing tool?

Please provide the name(s) of any individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software trialled in 2020?

Please provide the name(s) of any individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software used in 2020 as an ongoing tool?

Please also provide answers to the above questions for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (to date)

Response:

No Information Held.

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

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



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:

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>