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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20171723

REQUEST

1. Does your force currently use any biometric facial recognition, facial comparison or facial detection technology?
2. If you are not using biometric facial recognition / facial comparison / facial detection technology have you:
 - a) trialled the use of any of the above;
 - b) Do you intend to trial any of the above in the next 24 months;
3. If you currently use / have trialled / intend to trial any of the technologies in (1), please: (a) Specify whether you own / have developed internally the technology; or
(b) Specify whether you use / contract / purchased with external companies to provide either or both the software and / or hardware? If so please provide the name(s) of the companies.
(c) Please provide copies of any Privacy Impact Assessment and Fair Processing Notices in relation to the use of technologies specified in (1).
4. If you currently use / have trialled / intend to trial any of the technologies in (1), please specify whether you have used these:
 - (a) On static (retrospective/non-live) facial images e.g. images referenced to custody suite photograph; or
 - (b) In a real-time scenario, i.e. behind a live camera feed?
5. If the answer to 4(a) is yes, please specify the source of the photographs / databases against which the technology is used / run.
6. If the answer to 4(b) is yes, please specify the events at which this has been used and the source of the photographs / databases against which the technology is used / run.
7. Please provide a copy of any national or local guidance and/or policy in relation to the use of technologies specified in (1).
8. How many individuals have asked to have their facial images removed from the forces police database or the Police National Database in the years (1) 2014, (2) 2015, (3) 2016, and (4) 2017 to date; and of those who have asked, what percentage have had their images removed

RESPONSE

Questions 1 – 7

I approached our Specialist Crime Services Department for assistance with your request. The Detective Inspector has advised the following responses to each of your questions:

- 1 Yes – PND (Police National Database)
- 2a No
- 2b No
- 3 (b) External Provider – CGI (CogniTech)
- 4 (a) Yes
- 5 Facial Recognition has been used on Still Custody images

6 Not applicable

7 Please find enclosed a copy of the NPIA (National Policing Improvement Agency) document entitled 'Police Standard for Still Digital Image Capture and Data Interchange of Facial /Mugshot and Scar, Mark & Tattoo Images'. Further documentation may be held by the Home Office.

Question 8

I approached our Information Compliance Officer for this element of your request. She has advised the following data relates to the number of instances South Yorkshire Police have been approached by members of the public requesting their images to be deleted:

2014 - 4

2015 - 0

2016 - 0

2017 to date (11.10.17) – 3

None of these images have been removed as a result of the request.