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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03766

I write in connection with your request for information received on 11th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please can you let me know: Whether the force is currently using / trialing predictive technologies as part of police work (rather than administration, for example). Please let me know the name of the provider / system that is being used if so (e.g. Harm Assessment Risk Tool), and the reason for use (e.g. to help carry out risk assessments on individuals). If algorithms / technologies are being used specifically as part of risk assessments, please let me know the full list of variables that are considered in this process (e.g. a person's GCSE results). Please also make clear what the risk assessment is for (e.g. risk of reoffending as part of custody decisions). Please can you also let me know whether the force has bought data from additional third party sources, (e.g. from credit reporting agencies, social media companies). If this additional data has been included in the aforementioned predictive technology systems, please also state this. Lastly, please can you let me know whether files / dossiers (digital or paper) have been created about individuals who do not have criminal records using the data from the predictive technologies and / or additional third party data mentioned above.

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

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

Response - Hertfordshire Constabulary have not trialed predictive policing and there are no current plans to.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Hertfordshire Constabulary if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.