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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/02441

I write in connection with your request for information received on 3rd May. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. Is your force using any algorithms and/or artificial intelligence software at any point in the process of investigating, detecting, or preventing crime?

2. If Yes, please provide details:

(i) Of the algorithms or artificial intelligence software you use;

(ii) Of whether you use a commercial product or whether you have developed your own system;

(iii) Of the purpose for which the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software operates;

(iv) Of the decisions the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software is asked to make or assist;

(v) Of the type, classification and amount of data that the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software uses in the decision making process;

(vi) Of the weight given by an officer or member of the police force to any decision reached by algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software when making an investigative, operational or resource-allocating decision;

(vii) Of the process by which you inform an individual that they have been subject to a decision made or aided by an algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software?

(viii) Of the process by which a member of the public can challenge a decision that has been made or aided by an algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software;

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

Q1 – No

Q2 – N/A

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

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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