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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/02946**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 30th May. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. Are Herts Police currently trialling or using, or have the force ever trialled or used, any form of predictive policing programme?  
If so, please provide the following information:**
- 2. The name given to this predictive policing programme**
- 3. When the programme was first used and whether it is still in use / when use ceased**
- 4. How this predictive policing programme works, specifically:**
  - 4.1. What data is used by the programme**
  - 4.2. Whether it operates using algorithms or artificial intelligence**
  - 4.3. What human interaction or oversight is required**
- 5. The specific hardware and/or software used to build this predictive policing programme**
- 6. Any guidance documents provided in relation to the use of this predictive policing programme**
- 7. Any testing or research conducted in relation to this predictive policing programme**
  - 7.1. In particular, any examination as to potential bias within the software and the exacerbation of pre-existing inequalities**
- 8. The Privacy Impact Assessment conducted in relation to this predictive policing programme**

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 trialled 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.