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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/04811

I write in connection with your request for information received on 24th August. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request information regarding Hertfordshire Constabulary's use of algorithms, specifically algorithmic risk-assessment tools to make predictions relating to individuals. For example, a number of police forces in the UK are in the process of developing algorithmic tools to aid decision-making by custody officers when assessing the risk of future offending.

1) Is your police force currently using any algorithmic risk-assessment tools to make predictions relating to individuals?

2) If yes, what types of prediction is the tool being used to make? (e.g. risk of re-offending, risk of committing violence etc.) .

3) Is your police force currently developing any algorithmic risk-assessment tools to make predictions relating to individuals?

4) If yes, what types of prediction is the tool being used to make? (e.g. risk of re-offending, risk of committing violence etc.) .

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

Q3 – No

Q4 – 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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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.