



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2021-01082

**Keyword:** Organisational Information/Governance

**Subject:** Facial Recognition Technology

### Request and Answer:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

#### Request 1

What is the frequency of unconscious bias training in relation to Live Facial Recognition technology or any other facial recognition technology?

#### Request 2

Who delivers this training? Is it via an independent organization or someone who is part of the police department?

#### Request 3

In the past five years (01/01/17-31/12/17, 01/01/18-31/12/18, 01/01/19-31/12/19, 01/01/20-31/12/20, 01/01/21-01/04/21) please provide the number of officers who have received unconscious bias training in relation to LFR technology or any other facial recognition technology. In addition, please provide me all relevant materials on unconscious bias training including the slides on 'Are you Conscious of your Unconscious Bias?' in the relevant format.

#### Answer

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1) (a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold information in relation to your requests. Enquiries made in relation to your requests failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your requests based on the information you have provided.

For your information PSNI do not use facial recognition technology.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Corporate Information Branch, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.