



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2022-02178

Keyword: Organisational Information Technology and Equipment

Subject: Automated Decision-Making & Artificial Intelligence

Request and Answer:

Request 1

I write to request information and records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 regarding your force's use of data analysis systems, automated decision-making systems, machine-learning and artificial intelligence. Specifically I would like the following information: Is your force using predictive location or geographic crime or incident mapping systems or applications?

- a. If yes, please provide details of which system(s) your force is using, including:
- The date it started being used;
 - What the purpose of the system is and who are the primary targets of the system;
 - What data the system uses and, if available in an easily accessible format, the sources of that data;
 - What outcomes the system's decisions or outputs impacts, influences or is used for;
 - Data Protection Impact Assessment and Equality Impact Assessments which have been conducted;
 - Any internal reviews, reports or assessments of the operation of this system(s).

Request 2

Is your force using individual risk assessment systems which involve data analysis, automated decision-making, machine-learning and/or artificial intelligence?

- a. If yes, please provide details of which system(s) your force is using, including:
- The date it started being used;
 - What the purpose of the system is and who are the primary targets of the system;
 - What data the system uses and, if available in an easily accessible format, the sources of that data;
 - What outcomes the system's decisions or outputs impacts, influences or is used for;
 - Data Protection Impact Assessment and Equality Impact Assessments which have been conducted;
 - Any internal reviews, reports or assessments of the operation of this system(s).

Request 3

Is your force using any other predictive, profiling or risk assessment systems, which involve data analysis, automated decision-making, machine-learning and/or artificial intelligence?

- a. If yes, please provide details of which system(s) your force is using, including:
- i. The date it started being used;
 - ii. What the purpose of the system is and who are the primary targets of the system;
 - iii. What data the system uses and, if available in an easily accessible format, the sources of that data;
 - iv. What outcomes the system's decisions or outputs impacts, influences or is used for;
 - v. Data Protection Impact Assessment and Equality Impact Assessments which have been conducted;
 - vi. Any internal reviews, reports or assessments of the operation of this system(s).

Answer to Requests 1-3

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 (PSNI) does not hold information in relation to your requests. Enquiries made in relation to your request failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

PSNI do not utilise Artificial Intelligence, predictive analytic tools, automated decision making or machine-learning intelligence.

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 Corporate Information Manager, Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.police.uk.

If, following an Internal Review carried out by an independent decision maker, you remain unhappy about how your request has been handled you have the right to apply in writing to the Information Commissioner at 'Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. There are a number of other platforms you can use to contact the ICO and these can be found on the ICO's website at the following link: [Make a complaint | ICO \(https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/\)](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/).

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 their 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

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