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Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20191876

REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about a trial of facial recognition technology at Meadowhall shopping centre.

I understand that this four-week trial was supported by South Yorkshire police so I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

- 1. Any document about the trial that was produced following its conclusion – for example, a report on its use or 'lessons learned' from the trial.**
- 2. Any data, if it is known, on the number of people whose image was captured during the trial.**
- 3. The dates that the trial took place (please also provide the times the trial was in operation if different from Meadowhall's opening hours).**
- 4. Was data captured by the facial recognition technology used for policing purposes? If yes, I would be grateful if you could provide details of these cases, such as the suspected offence, age, ethnicity, gender of the suspect, and the outcome of the investigation.**

RESPONSE

I approached our Business Managers for our Specialist Crime Services and Sheffield District for assistance with your request. The Superintendents for Specialist Crime Operations, the Sheffield District and the Detective Chief Superintendent heading crime were each consulted and the following responses have been provided:

- Any document about the trial that was produced following its conclusion – for example, a report on its use or 'lessons learned' from the trial.**

No information held

- Any data, if it is known, on the number of people whose image was captured during the trial.**

No information held

- The dates that the trial took place (please also provide the times the trial was in operation if different from Meadowhall's opening hours).**

No information held.

- Was data captured by the facial recognition technology used for policing purposes? If yes, I would be grateful if you could provide details of these cases, such as the suspected offence, age, ethnicity, gender of the suspect, and the outcome of the investigation.**

No data has been retained for a policing purpose.