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<u>Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:201279</u>

<u>REQUEST</u>

1. **Are South Yorkshire Police currently trialling or using, or have the force ever trialled or used, any form of technology which uses algorithms to assess the risk posed by a detained individual?**

   If yes, please answer all questions below. If no, please answer questions 9 and 10.

This would include, but is not limited to, HART-style programs as piloted in Durham (see: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-39857645).

If so, please provide the following information:

2. **The name given to this program**
3. **When the program was first used and whether it is still in use / when use ceased**
4. **How this program works, and specifically:**
   a. **What data is used to train the program**
   b. **What data is inputted about a detained person when the program is used to make an assessment**
      i. **Does this include the detained person's postcode?**
      ii. **Does this include the detained person's financial situation and, if so, from where is this information obtained?**
   c. **What data, if any, has been purchased from external companies for use with this program?**
   d. **What algorithms and/or artificial intelligence programs are used to run the system**
   e. **Is there human intervention/oversight in the decision-making process, and what form does this take?**
   f. **What decisions are made on the basis of the assessment?**

5. **Any guidance documents provided in relation to the use of this program**
6. **Any testing or research conducted in relation to this program**
7. **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 program**

9. **Do the force have any future plans to develop, trial, pilot or run any form of technology which uses algorithms to assess the risk posed by a detained individual?**
10. **Excluding PredPol and PredPol-type programs (which have been covered in a previous, separate FOI request), does algorithmic decision-making feature elsewhere in your policing work? If so, please provide the information as requested in questions 2-9, but in relation to this alternative use of algorithmic decision-making.**

<u>RESPONSE</u>

I approached both our Intelligence Analysis Manager within Specialist Crime Services in relation to your request and our IT Asset & Technical Commercial Manager within our IT Department for a very similar recent request. Both have confirmed that South Yorkshire Police have not used or trialled predictive software or programmes and as such our formal response to your request is one of 'no information held'.