

19th December 2018

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20182269**

**REQUEST**

***I am writing to request information around your force's use of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Deep Learning software (collectively 'AI').***

***Could you let me know if your police force currently uses AI in any software or policing work, or whether you are conducting research or exploring using this technology in any way in the future?***

***If so, could you provide details on its use(s), including: ·***

***· Overview: how is/will AI be used and what does it entail (for example, in custodial decisions, for facial recognition and so on)? Do you have more plans for the future?***

***· Roll-out: is it currently being used, or are there any dates planned to introduce it? How widespread will the roll-out be?***

***· Partnerships: are you joining with any public or private sector partners to develop the AI and who are they?***

***· Department: which departments are involved in using AI in policing, or overseeing any future research?***

***· Technology: what datasets are used to 'train' the AI algorithms? How does the algorithm work (for example, random forests)? ·***

***Results: could you share any data or documents around the results of the work so far (for example, its effectiveness)?***

***· Any further detail on how AI is to be used in your police force***

***If FOI requests of a similar nature have already been asked could you please include your responses to those requests.***

**CLARIFICATION**

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/predictive-policing-programme-ref-20180964/>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/media/2480/20181495-response.pdf>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/media/2270/20181279-response.pdf>

**FROM THE REQUESTER**

***Thank you very much for your reply.***

***While relevant, those requests were around predictive policing and facial recognition are both applications of AI so it would be good to continue my request to see if artificial intelligence technology is used in any other capacity.***

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Specialist Crime Services Unit and the Local Command Team for assistance with your request.

A Superintendent has advised:

*“we don't use AI on anything”*

Therefore our response is one of “No Information Held”