

6th September 2018

**Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20181495**

**REQUEST**

1. ***Are you currently paying for facial recognition software? If no, please disregard this information request in its entirety. If yes, please see the following questions.***
2. ***Has it yet been used in public spaces? Please provide any detail possible?***
3. ***How much has so far been spent on automatic facial recognition software? Please provide the most up-to-date figure possible with a breakdown according to financial year.***
4. ***How much has so far been spent on automatic facial recognition hardware e.g. cameras? Please provide the most up-to-date figure possible with a breakdown according to financial year.***
5. ***How much has so far been spent on other costs associated with automatic facial recognition e.g. staffing for operations? Please provide the most up-to-date figure possible with a breakdown according to financial year.***
6. ***How many operations or tests have been carried out so far, and are there any details you can provide of where and when they took place?***
7. ***What is the name of the company/companies has provided the software and hardware for automatic facial recognition?***
8. ***In the operations or tests carried out so far, how many potential matches, false positives and confirmed matches has the software generated?***
9. ***In the operations or tests carried out so far, how many stops and arrests have happened as a result?***

**CLARIFICATION**

Please could you clarify the following point(s): -

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

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/media/1391/facial-recognition-technology-20171723.pdf>

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/media/2069/20180945-response.pdf>

**FROM THE REQUESTER**

***The figures contained in the first request only run up to November last year, so are useful but now outdated unless there have been no further operations in the past nine months.***

***The more updated request is far more detailed than what I am requesting and I don't believe mine reaches the threshold for Section 12***

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Specialist Crimes Services for assistance with your request and check if there were any changes to the information provided in the links above.

A Detective Superintendent in the unit has provided the following in answer to this request.

*"We are not paying for facial recognition software"*

Therefore our response to the remainder of this request is one of "No Information Held"