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REQUEST

1. Are South Yorkshire Police currently trialling or using, or have the force ever trialled or used, any form of predictive policing programme?

If so, please provide the following information:

2. The name given to this predictive policing programme

3. When the programme was first used and whether it is still in use / when use ceased

4. How this predictive policing programme works, specifically:

4.1. What data is used by the programme

4.2. Whether it operates using algorithms or artificial intelligence

4.3. What human interaction or oversight is required

5. The specific hardware and/or software used to build this predictive policing programme

6. Any guidance documents provided in relation to the use of this predictive policing programme

7. Any testing or research conducted in relation to this predictive policing programme

7.1. 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 predictive policing programme

RESPONSE

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'.