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**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20191292**

**REQUEST**

1. Is your force using currently, or has it previously used, mobile fingerprint technology as initially trialled by West Yorkshire Police (outlined here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/police-trial-new-home-office-mobile-fingerprint-technology>)?
2. How many times have members of your force used this technology to scan people's fingerprints?
3. How many times has a use of this technology resulted in a match using the IABS database?
4. How many times was further action taken as a result of a match against the IABS database?
5. How many times did a match using the IABS database result in a referral to the Home Office or other immigration enforcement action?

**RESPONSE**

I approached a Roads Policing Group Sergeant for assistance with your request. He has advised the following:

*In relation to this enquiry we don't have any mobile fingerprint devices in South Yorkshire at this time.*

*The devices we did have stopped when the contract was cancelled by the home office at the beginning of 2018.*

*The last time we had mobile fingerprint devices in South Yorkshire with any data will be December 2017*

Since the data held by South Yorkshire Police is only available prior to 2017, I am anticipating that this does not relate to the devices being trialled and mentioned in the link you have provided. As such, my formal response to your request is one of 'no information held'. If you wish to proceed with the request based on historical data, please advise accordingly.