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 Your reference:
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/007256/R

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by Derbyshire Constabulary on 16/07/2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am seeking information about software trialled and/or deployed by your force. For background context to assist you, here are the definitions of the two types of software I will refer to:

1) Geographic predictive policing systems: These are systems which focus on places and seek to predict whether crime will occur there, profile the area as a high-risk crime area, or crime 'hotspot'. The software uses historic crime data to predict where crimes are more likely to occur in the future.

2) Individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment systems: These are software systems which focus on individuals, seeking to predict their likelihood or risk of certain behaviour, such as committing a crime or criminalised act. These systems are also sometimes referred to as individual risk assessment systems. Police in the UK use these systems to give individuals a risk score, such as low, medium or standard, or high.

Here is my request:

Question 1 –

In the year 2020, did your force trial geographic predictive policing software?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, did your force use geographic predictive policing software as an ongoing tool?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on trialling geographic predictive policing software?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on using geographic predictive policing software as an ongoing tool?

Please provide the name(s) of any geographic predictive policing software trialled in 2020?

Please provide the name(s) of any geographic predictive policing software used in 2020 as an ongoing tool?

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Please also provide answers to the above questions for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (to date)

Question 2 –

In the year 2020, did your force trial individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, did your force use individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software as an ongoing tool?

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on trialling individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software?

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on using individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software as an ongoing tool?

Please provide the name(s) of any individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software trialled in 2020?

Please provide the name(s) of any individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software used in 2020 as an ongoing tool?

Please also provide answers to the above questions for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (to date)

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Derbyshire Constabulary to locate any relevant information. The searches did not locate information relevant to your request.

Decision

Question 1 –

The position of the constabulary is that there is 'no information held'.

Question 2 –

The position of the constabulary is that there is 'no information held'.

Request a Review (Complaint)

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Derbyshire Constabulary.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact the Freedom of Information Officer, on the above telephone number quoting the reference number in the header.

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Yours sincerely

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS and COPYRIGHT ISSUES

If you are unhappy with how your request has been handled or you do not think the decision is correct, you have the right to require the Derbyshire Constabulary to review their decision. Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter. That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision that Derbyshire Constabulary have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary to have the decision reviewed. **However, this request must be made within 40 working days from the date of our response.**

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to **Freedom of Information Officer, Derbyshire Police Headquarters, Butterley Hall, RIPLEY, Derbyshire, DE5 3RS** or via email at foi@derbyshire.police.uk

Where possible the Derbyshire Constabulary will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days. However, meeting this time scale will depend upon the circumstances and complexity of the issue.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the Derbyshire Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, telephone or write to: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF - Telephone: 0303 123 1113.

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