

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 12 July 2021

Membership

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1. Chair's Update

Retrospective Facial Recognition

- 1.1. The Chair updated the Panel on the conversation she recently had with the MPS's Director of Intelligence regarding the MPS's intention to use a system for Retrospective Facial Recognition (RFR).
- 1.2. The Chair advised that she had the opportunity to look at i) the business case, ii) the draft legal mandate and iii) a draft 'What and How' document. It was her view that these were responsive to the issues that emerged for discussion around Live Facial Recognition (LFR) and for the most part satisfactorily addressed the key legal and ethical issues. RFR would clearly comprise a useful policing tool.
- 1.3. The Chair felt that it would be valuable for the Ethics Panel to give additional scrutiny to some of the detail in the "What and How" document regarding authorisation of uses of probe images and image libraries that the MPS had itself already identified as being at the more intrusive end of the spectrum in relation to privacy. This would be to provide additional assurance that the process was sufficiently protective of individual rights and interests. The MPS's Director of Intelligence was invited to attend the October meeting of the Panel.

UK Policing Ethics Guidance Group (UKPEG)

- 1.4. The Chair advised the Panel of the meeting the UK Policing Ethics Guidance Group was holding in October. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the Panel's September meeting.

2. Police and Crime Plan (PCP) Project

- 2.1. The Panel considered the outcome of members' consideration of policing Violence Against Women and Girls in the context of the draft model the Panel was developing for addressing ethical and value issues associated with prioritisation.
- 2.2. James Bottomley updated the Panel on the development of the Police and Crime Plan and the public consultation ahead of its finalisation.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 13 September 2021.