

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 11 November 2024

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Live Facial Recognition (LFR)

1. The Panel considered the findings of the updated literature review, an analysis of the MPS's LFR policy documents, the contextual factors around public concerns, and the data from the LFR questions in MOPAC's latest Public Attitude Survey.
2. The Panel identified the following areas which may have ethical considerations that they would wish to comment on in their report:
 - Mission creep
 - Scope creep
 - Technological creep
 - Illusion of choice
 - Nominalisation
 - Chilling effect
 - Transparency and purpose
 - Police promoting benefits of LFR
 - Specific legal guidance
 - Over and under policing
 - Uniqueness of the face as mark of personal identity
 - Provenance of database
 - Quantitative and qualitative performance indicators
 - Cost benefit analysis
 - Public knowledge and understanding of the technology
 - Ethics of public consultation
 - Public expectation of responsible use by MPS
 - Police officer discretion

3. The Panel agreed that it would use its Ethics Matrix to consider the ethical issues and structure the report.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 9 December 2024