

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

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Reflection of current climate of protest and counter protest

1. The Panel discussed the Met's policing of the recent disorder and the accusation by some of 'two tier' policing.

Live Facial Recognition Update

2. The Panel considered the documents the Met have on its website relating to its use of Live Facial Recognition (LFR) technology:
 - The Met's Standard Operating Procedures and policy documents for using LFR, noting that the Met were currently revising these.
 - The table of deployments.
3. The Panel agreed that to have a more complete understanding of the decision-making processes and deployment results, the following was needed:
 - A sample of the completed forms requesting deployment
 - An understanding of how the watch lists are compiled and by whom
 - What, if any, is the impact of advising the public in advance of a deployment
 - The training provided for engagement officers and the operators
 - Greater understanding of the outcomes of deployments and the criteria for success
 - How the Met uses LFR to address strategic issues
4. The Panel discussed the changed operational environment that the Met was now working in since it first trialled the use of LFR.
5. The Terms of Reference for the project were agreed.

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