

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 13 January 2025

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Live Facial Recognition

1. The Panel had a general discussion of the development of their report on the MPS's use of Live Facial Recognition (LFR), identifying the areas which needed further work and consideration. These included the potential for "mission creep" in the use of LFR, the MPS's level of engagement with partners and communities, the level of accountability and oversight, and the effectiveness of LFR versus other uses of officers' time.
2. There was a further discussion of the survey of the public's attitude to LFR, and agreement on what changes would be made to the questions that were asked in the 2019 survey.
3. The Panel discussed the MPS's use of LFR to monitor compliance, for example of registered sex offenders and also how to evaluate the benefit of LFR's effectiveness.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 10 February 2025