

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 14 October 2024

Membership

Dr Suzanne Shale (Chair) Apologies
Professor Jyoti Belur
Professor Jennifer Brown (Deputy Chair)
Abdul Hye Miah

Research Adviser

Professor Ben Bradford, Institute of Global City Policing

Observers

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Live Facial Recognition

1. The Panel discussed the recent MPS deployments of Live Facial Recognition (LFR) technology which two Panel members had observed. Points made included:
 - Individual officers still have discretion in decision-making.
 - LFR images could not be used for any other purpose and the limitations on their use was clear.
 - It is being used as an offender management tool.
 - The zone of interest was relatively small and not very visible.
2. Jyoti Belur advised that she had undertaken a literature review to investigate what relevant research had been published since the Panel's last report on LFR. The Panel was given a high-level overview of her findings.
3. Lindsey Chiswick, MPS Director of Intelligence, attended the meeting to provide detail on the Met's use of LFR, including the approval process for deployments, the training, the development and deletion of watchlists and the outcomes.
4. The Panel discussed the information they received, identifying the ethical issues they wished to consider for inclusion in their report.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 11 November 2024