

# London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

Monday, 8 December 2025

## Membership

Professor Suzanne Shale (Chair)  
Professor Jyoti Belur  
Professor Ben Bradford  
Professor Jennifer Brown  
Abdul Hye Miah

## Observers

Natasha Plummer, MOPAC  
Chief Inspector Ben Smith, MPS

## Chair's Update

1. The Chair updated the Panel on her recent meetings with Matt Farrow and Lindsey Chiswick.

## MPS's LFR Annual Report

2. Lisa Kunwar-Deer, MOPAC lead on LFR, joined the meeting. There was a discussion of the MPS's first annual report on its use of Live Facial Recognition. Lisa Kunwar-Deer advised the Panel that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime would be discussing the report with the MPS.
3. In its 2025 report reviewing of the MPS's use of LFR, the Panel had welcomed the MPS's plans to produce an annual report and had recommended the minimum information it should contain. The Panel agreed that the publication of the report was a positive step and the information provided was useful to the debate on the police's use of LFR.
4. The Panel assessed the MPS's LFR report against the information it had recommended it include, noting that not all of it had been provided. The Panel noted:
  - While the MPS had originally stated that LFR would be used to assist with missing persons, there was no mention of this.
  - The location of deployments was listed by BCU – more granular location data would be more useful.
  - Not much information had been provided on community engagement.
  - The number of officers per deployment was not provided, meaning that value for money could not be assessed.
  - More information on the disproportionality of the 10 false alerts would have been useful.
  - It would have liked to have seen included the reasons for stops that did not result in arrest and the sources for the watchlists.

### **Lessons Identified from the Implementation of LFR**

5. On 24 October 2025 the Chair wrote to the Commissioner as the Panel felt there was an immediate need to share its advice regarding the introduction of AI tools. In the letter the Panel drew on the lessons identified from the implementation of LFR to help inform and support the ethical and effective introduction of AI tools into the MPS.
6. The Chair advised the Panel that the Deputy Commissioner Matt Jukes had replied to the letter, advising that the Met has an established framework to guide the responsible introduction of AI tools. This would be kept under review and he believes that the Ethics Panel can play a valuable role in supporting this, helping the Met to review and refine the framework in the context of actual operational deployment.

### **Home Office Consultation on Facial Recognition and Biometrics in Law Enforcement**

7. There was a discussion of the Home Office's consultation on facial recognition and biometrics in law enforcement. The Chair advised that she had been asked by the Home Office for the Panel to provide a response to the consultation. The Panel was advised that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime would also be participating in the consultation.

### **Ethical Hazards and Opportunities in Implementing AI for Policing in London**

8. Abdul Hye Miah advised the Panel of the Large Language Model Evaluation Workshop that he had attended. The Panel assessed the information for its usefulness in considering the ethical hazards and opportunities for policing in London from implementing AI.
9. The Panel further discussed its approach to undertaking a pre-mortem on two AI modalities and the information it required to do this.

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The Panel's next meeting will be on 12 January 2026