

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

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Ethical Hazards and Opportunities in Implementing AI for Policing in London

1. The Panel considered the draft terms of reference for the project, agreeing that their aim is to identify how the particular context of policing in London could pose specific ethical challenges and opportunities in the process of implementing some types of AI tools.
2. The Panel plans on undertaking a 'pre-mortem' analysis of two AI modalities to anticipate points of ethical failure. There was a discussion of the AI tools the MPS was considering using, and which might be most suitable for this analysis.
3. The Panel considered the contextual issues for policing in London which may raise ethical implications for implementing AI. This included quality of data; population diversity; mistrust of police in some communities; polarisation of society; inexperienced workforce; contested ideals for policing; command and control structure; relationships with partners; and patterns of discrimination as identified in the 2023 Baroness Casey Review.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 13 October 2025