

London Policing Ethics Panel Minutes of Meeting

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Live Facial Recognition

1. The Panel discussed the MPS deployments of Live Facial Recognition (LFR) technology which a number of them had observed. Points made included:
 - The MPS was supportive of the Panel's attendance and helpful, enabling a greater understanding of how LFR was now being operated and answering the questions the Panel had.
 - The pre-deployment briefing given to officers was comprehensive.
 - The community contact appeared positive and appreciated.
 - The watchlist only comprised police data and images.
2. The Panel identified issues that they wanted to follow up with the MPS. These included:
 - Guidance to officers regarding people who do not want to pass through the LFR zone.
 - Watchlist development.
 - Use of LFR for offender management.
 - The evaluation of the use of LFR and the success criteria.
 - The MPS's oversight and governance arrangements for LFR deployments.
 - The MPS's community engagement on deployments.
3. The Panel agreed that its next steps would be to invite the MPS's LFR leads to their October meeting to get clarity around the issues they still had questions on.

The Panel's next meeting will be on 14 October 2024