| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-3202Responded to: xx January 25 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide the following information relevant to your Police Force between the dates of January 1st, 2023, and December 15th, 2024;

1. **Have your police officers received training in the use of OIFR?**
2. **Provide all dates, locations of training**
3. **Provide details of those who were running training sessions/demonstrations**
4. **Has your police force deployed OIFR? If true;**
5. **Declare how many times it has been used, stating when and where.**
6. **Has your police force observed demonstrations of OIFR? If true;**
7. **Provide dates and locations of demonstrations**
8. **Has your police force tested OIFR? If true;**
9. **Provide dates and locations of testing**
10. **Was this testing done in private, or used on civilians**
11. **Does the police force have access to the OIFR app? If true;**
12. **State how long the police force has had access to the OIFR app**

To avoid repetition, Q1 – Q5 have been answered together.

OIFR is assumed to reference Operator Initiated Facial Recognition.

Police Scotland is not using or testing live facial recognition technology and accordingly we do not utilise OIFR. On that basis, Section 17 of the Act (Information not held) applies.

1. **Furthermore, please also declare if there are future plans to deploy OIFR in your police force.**

Last June (2024) at our inaugural Biometrics Conference, we agreed to start a conversation with the public about the potential use of LFR (Live Facial Recognition).

Police Scotland is working with the Scottish Police Authority and the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner to progress this work and is currently exploring use of LFR by other UK police services.

This initial work will underpin the public conversation. We want to give people the opportunity to air their views, in relation to the use of live facial recognition.

This groundwork will allow us to establish a policy rooted in wide-ranging ethical, legal and societal considerations, with clear direction for the potential future use of LFR and under what circumstances, if any, it could be deployed in Scotland.  Only then will any potential policy proposal go to consultation.

If you require any further assistance please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.