

FOI Release:

**SCC/FOI/03/20/OA**

**Freedom of Information Request regarding information about deployment of facial recognition technology.**

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Dear [redacted]

**Letter by email**

I write in response to an email you sent to me on 21 February 2020. You requested the following information:

1. From the year 2016 to 2018, how many people of interest to the police (serious crime suspects, missing people etc.) was recognized in Kings Cross? How many of them are the correctly spotted? What sort of people are they? (mostly crime suspect from the watchlist?)
2. From June 2015 till December 2019, how many people of interest to the police (serious crime suspects, missing people etc.) was recognized in South Wales police? How many of them are the correctly spotted? What sort of people are they? Where exactly have they been recognized? (in postcode)
3. For the people being recognized in Kings Cross between 2016 and 2018, how many of them are women or BAME? How many of them are falsely searched?

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Q1. From the year 2016 to 2018, how many people of interest to the police (serious crime suspects, missing people etc.) was recognized in Kings Cross? How many of them are the correctly spotted? What sort of people are they? (mostly crime suspect from the watchlist?)**

I am an independent regulator of surveillance camera systems appointed by the Home Secretary. I do not hold the information which you have requested. You may consider a separate request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI), to be made to the Metropolitan Police Service and British Transport police in regard to the information that you requested at points 1 and 3 above. You may also consider a separate request to South Wales police regarding point 2 above.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference SCC/FOI/03/20/OA. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review my handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff that were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

**Q2. From June 2015 till December 2019, how many people of interest to the police (serious crime suspects, missing people etc.) was recognized in South Wales police? How many of them are the correctly spotted? What sort of people are they? Where exactly have they been recognized? (in postcode) 3. For the people being recognized in Kings Cross between 2016 and 2018, how many of them are women or BAME? How many of them are falsely searched?**

Please see answer to Q1.