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Thank you for your email in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

- 1. Are staff within your organisation under a general instruction to use AI or Generative AI tools to assist your work?**
- 2. Is your organisation currently using AI or Generative AI tools to assist your work?**
- 3. Does your organisation use AI or Generative AI tools as part of its recruitment processes?**
- 4. Does your organisation have an AI strategy?**
- 5. If your organization does not have an AI strategy, is it planning to have an AI strategy?**

Response

Please see below our response to your questions.

Question 1

SFO staff are not under a general instruction to use AI or Generative AI tools to assist their work.

Question 2

All SFO employees have access to Microsoft Copilot Chat without web access - meaning the tool cannot connect to the internet or retrieve information from external websites. Current SFO policy restricts the use of Copilot Chat for casework, including intelligence gathering and case related investigations.

Question 3

The SFO does not currently use AI or GenAI tools as part of its recruitment processes.

Question 4

The SFO is developing an AI Strategy, which is currently in its final stages of approval by its Executive Committee and Board. It will be published in due course.

Question 5

The SFO AI Strategy will be published following approval by its Executive Committee and Board.