



Response Date: 30/07/2026

2026/690 - Use of digital redaction

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Under the FOIA 2000, please could I request the following information:

- 1. The rollout status of digital redaction in your force uses (as mentioned in the [Policing Productivity Review](#) - digital redaction of material sent to the CPS for review).**

Audio Video and MultiMedia auto redaction status – this has been implemented as a pilot in Force and has been live in pilot stage since March 2026 across limited number of teams currently.

Text redaction using different various solutions has been in place for a number of years.

- 2. The estimated number of police hours in your police force saved due to the use of technology, such as AI, to redact information.**

Numerous hours of time have been saved for officers and staff using automated text redaction. But specific benefits data is not held.

Audio Video and Multimedia Redaction – the pilot is being monitored for benefits and early indications show to date that NWP have saved 4,256 hours using Audio Video redaction.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 29/07/2026