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2025/744 - Police use of software

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For background context to assist you, here are the definitions of the two types of software I will refer to:

1) Geographic predictive policing systems: These are systems which focus on places and seek to predict whether crime will occur there, profile the area as a high-risk crime area, or crime 'hotspot'. The software uses historic crime data to predict where crimes are more likely to occur in the future.

2) Individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment systems: These are software systems which focus on individuals, seeking to predict their likelihood or risk of certain behaviour, such as committing a crime or criminalised act. These systems are also sometimes referred to as individual risk assessment systems. Police in the UK use these systems to give individuals a risk score, such as low, medium or standard, or high.

Here is my request:

In the year 2020, did your force trial geographic predictive policing software?

No, not in any year between 2020 and 2025

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

Not applicable

In the year 2020, did your force use geographic predictive policing software as an ongoing tool?

Yes

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

2010

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on trialling geographic predictive policing software?

£0 between 2020 and 2025

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In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on using geographic predictive policing software as an ongoing tool?

0% between 2020 and 2025

ArcGIS Desktop is licenced by a wider Enterprise Agreement, therefore it isn't possible to provide a cost for this specific product.

Please provide the name(s) of any geographic predictive policing software trialled in 2020?

Not applicable

Please provide the name(s) of any geographic predictive policing software used in 2020 as an ongoing tool?

ArcGIS Desktop

Please also provide answers to the above questions for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (to date)

Included above

In the year 2020, did your force trial individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software?

0% between 2020 and 2025

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

Not applicable

In the year 2020, did your force use individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software as an ongoing tool?

Not applicable

If yes, what year was this software first introduced?

Not applicable

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on trialling individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software?

£0

In the year 2020, how much budget was spent on using individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software as an ongoing tool?

0%

Please provide the name(s) of any individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software trialled in 2020?

Not applicable

Please provide the name(s) of any individual predictive policing, profiling, and risk assessment software used in 2020 as an ongoing tool?

Not applicable

Please also provide answers to the above questions for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 (to date)

As above

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