| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-3112Responded to: 08 October 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing to request information under the FOIA which relates to predictive analytics, data intelligence or AI-enabled profiling that have been in trial, development, or deployment at any point in 2025.**

1. **Copies of any portfolio, project listing, reports, presentations, or internal summaries relating to the above that are currently, or have been, in development, trial, or operation within this police force, or its associated ROCU.**
2. **Where available, details of:**
* **The name or description of each project**
* **The units or departments involved**
* **External collaborators (contractors, researchers, consultants, etc.)**
* **The intended purpose or application of the technology**
* **The status (e.g. research, pilot, deployment, discontinued)**
* **Any funding source (Home Office, NPCC, or other)**

We have identified 4 AI-enabled policing projects relevant to your request.

For a full summary of each, as per the points listed in question two, please see the table below.

As regards any further information as per the points listed in question one, the information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

* Section 30(c) – Prejudice to public affairs

Disclosure would prejudice the ability of Police Scotland to engage with academics on such projects now and in the future. Academics engage with Police Scotland to collaborate on such projects in the expectation that their work will not be shared.

* Section 35(1)(a) – Prevention and detection of crime

Some of the information is code relating to Police Scotland systems and processes, the disclosure of which could prejudice the integrity of those systems, leaving them vulnerable to attack.

Whilst we accept that there is a public interest in better informing the public as to the use of AI by Police Scotland, this is catered for by the release of the high-level information below.

There can be no public interest in damaging the relationship between Police Scotland and the academics and organisations we work with, nor can there be any interest in compromising the integrity of police systems.

On balance therefore, the public interest lies in maintaining the exemptions.

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](https://www.foi.scot/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.

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| **Project name and description** | **Department** | **External collaborators** | **Purpose/application** | **Status** | **Funding** |
| Synthetic data project – exploring opportunities to create synthetic policing data | Chief Data Office | University of Edinburgh, University of Warwick | Explore whether robust synthetic data can be produced, synthesising Police Incident data | Research | Partially funded by Research Data Scotland (University of Edinburgh component), University of Warwick (undergraduate dissertation) |
| Simulation project – creating a simulation of policing demand in rural Scotland | Demand and Productivity Unit/ Chief Data Office | University of Edinburgh | Explore whether a simulation of policing demand can be built for a rural Division in Western Scotland | Research | Part funded by Police Scotland, part Research Council |
| Evaluation of summarisation methods in high risk missing persons cases | Chief Data Office | University of Cambridge | Evaluation of different methodologies for summarising information in high risk missing persons cases | Research | University of Cambridge |
| Average speed of answer analysis | Chief Data Office | n/a | Analysis of factors that may influence the average speed of answer for 999/101 calls | Research | n/a |