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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

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

**If yes, what year was this software first introduced?**

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

**If yes, what year was this software first introduced?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**If yes, what year was this software first introduced?**

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

**If yes, what year was this software first introduced?**

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

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

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

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

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

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. By way of explanation, at present, Police Scotland do not use geographic or individual predictive policing systems.

 Any future introduction of such systems would follow our well-established Data Ethics process, and the Rights Based Pathway, which ensures a consistent and proportionate approach to assessing data ethics and public interest considerations when considering such technology.

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) 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](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.