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

## I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information regarding the use of BriefCam video analytics software and AI-based surveillance tools by your constabulary:

## Does your force currently use or has it previously used BriefCam video analytics software?

## If yes, in what capacity has it been used (object tracking, video summarization, facial recognition)?

## If yes, please provide the date of the start (and of the end if relevant) of use.

## Has your force trialed or tested BriefCam? If so, when did the trials begin, and what were the objectives?

## Has your force entered into any contracts or agreements related to BriefCam software?

## If yes, please provide the total cost of any purchases or subscriptions since January the 1rst 2020.

Police Scotland are considering the introduction of Briefcam object matching software. Briefcam is additional software for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) and can match objects, e.g. hats, bags, etc., and larger items such as vehicles.  Whilst Briefcam technology does include Live Facial Matching, Police Scotland will not use this element of the technology.  Briefcam was subject to recent public consultation is currently progressing via our Data Ethics Triage and Rights Based pathway, however no decision has been taken in respect of implementation.

## Has your force used any video analytics software capable of facial recognition, object tracking, or crowd monitoring? If so, which ones?

Police Scotland is not currently using or testing live facial recognition technology; however, we continue to monitor police use elsewhere via UK policing forums.  As announced at the Scottish Biometrics Conference in June 2024, we have committed to a wider conversation in respect of LFR, to establish/evidence its use is lawful, effective, proportionate, and ethical in a Scottish policing context to support keeping people safe.  Thereafter, any consideration for implementation would of course be subject to robust consultation and following Rights Based Pathway decision making.

## Has your force trialed or tested any AI-based surveillance tools since January the 1rst 2022?

## If so, please provide any available reports, evaluations, or risk assessments related to these trials.

No, Police Scotland have not trialled or tested any AI-based surveillance tools.

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.

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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.