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

**I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please limit the scope to the period from 1 January 2022 to the date of this request.**

**I request the following information:**

1. **Is your force currently using any form of facial recognition technology? If yes, please confirm whether this use began on or after 1 January 2022, and state the type(s) of deployment (e.g. Live Facial Recognition (LFR), Retrospective Facial Recognition (RFR), body-worn camera, fixed CCTV, mobile unit, traffic enforcement cameras, ANPR systems (if facial recognition-enabled) etc.).**

Police Scotland routinely use retrospective facial matching technology provided via the UK Police National (PND) and Child Abuse Image (CAID) databases. Police Scotland can also request searching of Passport and Immigration images as part of individual serious criminal investigations. Police Scotland do not currently use any Live Facial Matching technology.

1. **Which company or companies provide the facial recognition technology your force is currently using?**

PND uses Cognitec's FaceVACS technology.

CAID uses NEC’s face recognition technology.

Both are national systems provided to Police Scotland by the Home Office.

Any further information required re Passport or Immigration databases, should be requested from the Home Office.

1. **Since 1 January 2022, has your force shared any facial recognition data in any form, or image-based intelligence, with any of the following:**

* **the State of Israel;**
* **any Israeli government body or agency;**
* **any Israeli company (including, but not limited to, those named in response to question 2, as well as private or state-affiliated entities); or**
* **any Israeli non-governmental organisation?**

**If prioritisation is required, please prioritise questions 2 and 3.**

Facial recognition data has not been shared with any of the Israeli organisations listed above.

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.