



Assurance Group
London Borough of Barnet,
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,
London NW9 4EW
2 October 2019
Our ref: 5599908

Thank you for your request received on 4 September 2019, for the following information:

Please can you tell me if the council has used any type of facial recognition technology at any time over the past five years.

If so, please can you tell me how much was spent on the technology, who provided it, how long it was used for and whether it is currently being used, and in which locations it was used.

Please can you also tell me whether the council has been informed about any other organisation in the area using facial recognition technology and if so which organisation was using this technology.

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

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The council is not currently using this technology.

Please can you also tell me whether the council has been informed about any other organisation in the area using facial recognition technology and if so which organisation was using this technology.

GLL provide management and operation of 5 leisure centres in Barnet on behalf of the Council. Facial recognition technology is installed at 3 of these facilities, with GLL responsible for the associated costs and data management / control of this feature.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and

other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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