



Assurance Group  
London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
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Our ref: 5792568

Thank you for your request received on 13 November 2019, for the following information:

**In the last five years (ie. from 14/11/2014 ' 13/11/2019):**

**1. Has the council had access to facial recognition technology (sometimes also described as face detection/image recognition/biometric identification/appearance search)?, either using its own equipment or that of a third party?**

**2. Has the council deployed facial recognition technology (either on its own or via a third party)?**

**If so:**

**A. Which private company or companies did the council work with?**

**B. What were the dates of the facial recognition use?**

**C. What was the location of the facial recognition use?**

**D. Who provided the database of images that the facial recognition system was looking for?**

**E. How many images were on the database?**

**F. Why did their images appear on the database?**

**G. What were the outcomes (eg. arrests, prosecutions etc)?**

**H. How long were the images recorded by the facial recognition system kept?**

**I. Was an Impact Assessment carried out? If so, please provide a copy**

**J. How much did the council pay for the facial recognition system and its use?**

**3. Does the council have any data sharing agreements in place covering the use of facial recognition technology?**

**If so:**

**A. Which company or companies the data sharing agreement with?**

**B. Has an Impact Assessment been carried out? If so, please provide a copy**

**C. What data has been shared under the agreement and over what time period?**

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

## **Response**

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and although we hold some of the information requested, some is not held by London Borough of Barnet because Enter the reason why the information requested is not held

We have provided answers to your request below showing where we do not hold the information requested.

***In the last five years (ie. from 14/11/2014 ' 13/11/2019): 1. Has the council had access to facial recognition technology (sometimes also described as face detection/image recognition/biometric identification/appearance search)?, either using its own equipment or that of a third party?***

No

***2. Has the council deployed facial recognition technology (either on its own or via a third party)? If so: A. Which private company or companies did the council work with?***

The council does not use facial recognition software, but is aware that GLL uses this technology to facilitate member access in leisure centres. Whilst the leisure centres are managed by GLL on behalf of the council, the technology is managed entirely by GLL and GLL are the data controller for the personal data involved. The council is not responsible for this technology and did not request its use.

***B. What were the dates of the facial recognition use?***

GLL use from February 2019 and ongoing .

***C. What was the location of the facial recognition use?***

- Finchley Lido Leisure Centre, Great North Leisure Park Chaplin Square, London N12 0GL (Since April 2019)
- Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre, Champions Way, Hendon, London NW4 1PX (Since August 2019)
- New Barnet Leisure Centre, 1 Lawton Rd, London, Barnet EN4 9BS (Since August 2019)

***D. Who provided the database of images that the facial recognition system was looking for?***

Controlled and managed by GLL.

***E. How many images were on the database?***

Controlled and managed by GLL.

***F. Why did their images appear on the database?***

Controlled and managed by GLL for member access.

***G. What were the outcomes (eg. arrests, prosecutions etc)?***

N/A

***H. How long were the images recorded by the facial recognition system kept?***

Images are kept for the duration of membership and are deleted when a customer cancels their membership, or alternatively customer withdraws their consent.

***I. Was an Impact Assessment carried out? If so, please provide a copy***

Nil. Controlled and managed by GLL.

***J. How much did the council pay for the facial recognition system and its use?***

Nil. Controlled and managed by GLL.

**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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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.