



Assurance Group  
London Borough of Barnet,  
2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale,  
London NW9 4EW  
10 February 2020  
Our ref: 6063588

Thank you for your request received on 10 February 2020, for the following information:

**To whom it may concern,**

**Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with full answers to each of the following questions:**

- 1. Has your council used facial recognition technology, either as a pilot/trial or ongoing work? If the answer is no, you may disregard the rest of the questions**
- 2. If yes please provide the date of use, location and purpose eg Boxing Day, city centre, to look for shoplifters**
- 3. What were the results - were any individuals arrested or found to have breached civil orders etc. If you recorded the false alert rate please provide details**
- 4. Were any private firms or police forces involved? If so please provide details**
- 5. Has your council either referred itself to the Information Commissioner's Office over facial recognition issues, or been referred by a third party? If so please provide details**

Please respond within 20 working days.

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

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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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.

### **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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You must also ensure you comply with the Privacy Electronic and Communications Regulations (PECR). For more information follow this Link [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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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.