

METROPOLITAN POLICE OFFICERS ARE USING LIVE FACIAL RECOGNITION (LFR) TECHNOLOGY

This technology helps us keep Londoners safe. We are using it to find people who are wanted by the police or the courts.

The faces of people we are looking for are placed on a “watchlist”. This is led by intelligence and created for each operation where LFR technology is used.

We use LFR at specific locations for a limited time. The camera scans the faces of people as they pass by and alerts a police officer to any potential matches to the watchlist. Faces of people who are not on the watchlist are pixelated out.

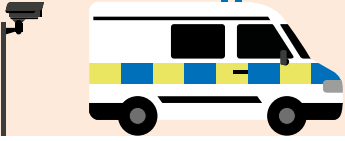
If a match is made and an alert is triggered, a police officer at the scene will decide if they want to speak to the person or not.

When there is no alert, the biometric data of passers-by is automatically and immediately deleted.

If there is an alert, then biometric information is only retained when there is a policing need for it. After every LFR deployment the watchlist is deleted.

For more information on LFR including the Met’s privacy policy and how to exercise your data protection rights go to: www.met.police.uk/LFR





Live Facial Recognition (LFR) cameras are deployed from a van, lamp-post or street sign during the police operation.



Camera stream is sent to the LFR system

The LFR system performs a face scan & compares to the watchlist.

Passers-by



Watchlist



Detected faces not matching watchlist discarded – No alert.



Detected faces matching watchlist – alert generated.



Where an officer decides an alert is correct they decide whether or not to speak to that member of the public.



Alert is sent to officers to be checked.



If they decide to speak to a member of the public the officer will ask that person for information that confirms their identity.

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Privacy details and further information use the QR code or go to www.met.police.uk/LFR

