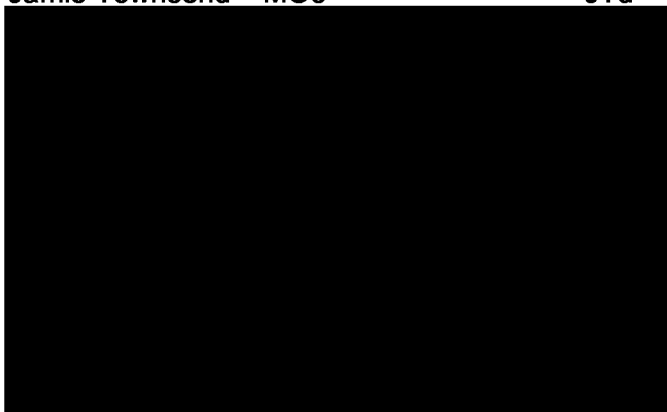


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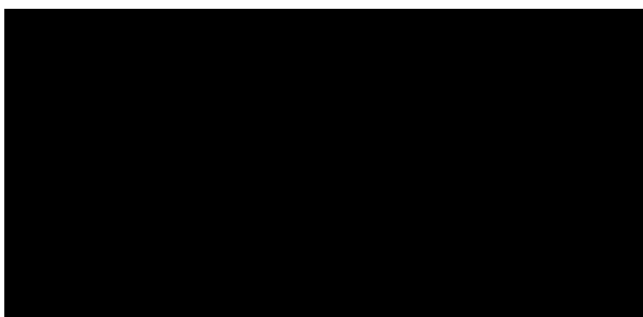
**Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) Strategic Board  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 0930hrs – 1100hrs  
TEAMS / Room 6.6**

**Attendees**

Lindsey Chiswick – MO1 (Chair)                      LC  
 Jamie Townsend – MO3                                      Jtd



**Apologies**



## **Introduction**

1. Meeting opened by Chair.

## **Minutes & Actions**

2. Minutes accepted. No outstanding actions.

## **NPL Publication and Briefings – DCI Jamie Townsend**

1. Following the Home Office funding, the National Physics Laboratory (NPL) were commissioned to carry out testing on the algorithms used for both Live and retrospective facial recognition. The MPS has published extensive documents around the test plan, its objectives and how it integrated alongside operational deployments conducted in 2022.
2. On 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023, the NPL published their report. Their results reinforced our understanding of, and how we use the algorithm in both LFR and RFR and represented the MPS continuing to undertake the taking of 'reasonable steps' in line with its PSED responsibilities.
3. The top lines from the report showed that when the algorithm was set at 0.6, there was a 100% true positive result rate for both RFR and Officer Initiated Facial Recognition (OIFR).
4. The top lines in respect of LFR showed that when the algorithm was set to 0.6 there was no significant difference in demographics, an 89% true positive rate, with a false positive rate of only 1 in 6000.
5. Following the publication, 3 briefings were held at New Scotland Yard, with senior stakeholders, IAGs and the press. The ICO were not available on the day but have received a subsequent briefing.
6. Feedback from the briefings will be incorporated into the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA).
7. Further engagement will be made with bodies concerning human rights, the Science and Technology community and others concerning ethics and quality standards.

## **LFR Deployments – DCI Jamie Townsend**

8. Following the publication of the report and the high levels of precision policing it offers in the context of helping tackle crime issues, it has been agreed that the use of LFR will continue where it is informed by an intelligence case and it is operationally necessary and proportionate to do so. It is hoped, that with greater understanding of the technology it will help rebuild trust and confidence within local communities.
9. A deployment was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April in Camden. There were [REDACTED]
10. The deployment resulted in an arrest. The subject was wanted for knife enabled crime and drugs. There were no false alerts.

11. In line with the objects around tackling crime in the community with a visible and precise policing presence, significant, positive community feedback was received. Many members of the public and local economy workers spoke with officers and stated that they felt safer and immediately noticed the lack of local drug dealers in the area, as a result of the police presence.
12. [REDACTED] raised the question, as an AO, as to the length and repetitiveness in parts to the authorisation form. It was agreed that this would be reviewed to ensure that the form can be used in an operationally effective way that maintains high standards of governance.
13. It was agreed that further discussions would be had at future boards as to the vision for ongoing use and to capture learning points / trends.

#### **Work with Home Office – Lindsey Chiswick**

14. Work is ongoing with the Home Office to consider how the use of RFR will be imbedded into policing
15. Separate to the RFR project, are the considerations that PND and Home Office Biometrics (HOB) Strategic Facial Matcher (SFM) offer. There have been delays in HOB programme. Considerations are being made in respect of the algorithm in PND or the long-term use of SFM.
16. Work continues as regards the use of images and RRD policies.
17. The Home Office are now reaching out to NPL to assist with identifying the accuracy and bias within PND and SFM.

#### **Retrospective Facial Recognition – [REDACTED] / DCI Jamie Townsend**

18. The project is progressing. Some milestones have been achieved with the tech delivery. There is an expectation that further milestones should be reached over the next couple of weeks.
19. Currently on plan to deliver the full system next year, but finalising the MVP, which we hope to deliver in August'23.
20. An issue has arisen in respect of the application infrastructure, with additional finances requested. This matter is being addressed with NEC, and the options of a standalone infrastructure are being reviewed  
**Action** – Meeting to be held between [REDACTED] / Jamie Townsend / [REDACTED] / Commercial ([REDACTED]) and Lindsey Chiswick to discuss the infrastructure concerns and finances – [REDACTED]
21. Risks are being reviewed in relation to the custody image data. Our data from [REDACTED] although further work is required. A decision will need to be made by the board out of committee once an update has been provided.

#### **AOB**

22. Thanks given by the chair for all the work on both LFR and RFR.

**Sensitive Equities Sub-Group (SESG)**

23. To the extent there was a requirement for 'need to know' discussions, the SESG was convened in line with its agenda and will be subject to separate minutes.

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