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Applicants Request:

Bedfordshire Police chief constable Trevor Rodenhurst was recently quoted in The Times newspaper referring to an AI system supplied to the force by Palantir. "The results are incredible," he said.

Please provide all of the following documentation held by Bedfordshire Police in relation to this system:

1. Business justification papers
2. Use case summaries
3. Data Protection Impact Assessments
4. Equality Impact Assessments
5. Data Sharing Agreements
6. Contracts

Bedfordshire comments:

There is evidence in the PD that we are using it. See the attached "announcement" made by Palantir on their LinkedIn page:

URLs

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/palantir-technologies_we-were-honoured-to-sponsor-this-years-digital-activity-7292861738234830849-WFCd/

CRU Advice:

This link you have provided appears to quote a ACC for Bedfordshire police confirming a partnership with Palantir, the source being a product marketer at Palantir – so not an official source. I cannot see any official sources of information in the PD that confirm that Bedfordshire

Police are currently using Palantir software. S.31(1)

I understand this may have had some connection to a previous request you had (CRU ref 1037/24). I acknowledge you included the response for that case to your referral for this one, but given the wording used about provision of the Palantir link in that response – “*The second link used was for demonstration purposes*” I would not consider this an official confirmation of use or not either. I understand that case (1037/24) is now at IR, so advice form S.40(2) will follow in due course for that case.

Returning focus to this request, there appear to be pieces of unofficial, colloquial information regarding Palantir use by Beds Police in the PD, however I can see nothing from an official source in the public domain which states that Bedfordshire are using this product, S.31(1) it appears there is a clear intention to not officially offer any information about whether it is used or not.

The national position regarding requests asking about the use of Palantir has not changed, and remains supported by policing leads – forces should neither confirm nor deny any use of these products by virtue of s24(2) and s31(3). CRU reference 995/24 confirms this, provides wording for that stance and is attached.

If a force has officially confirmed use of this product in the public domain, then as per the attached advice for 995/24, forces can cite s21 for any information already in the public domain, but will need to apply a partial NCND s24(2) and s31(3) in respect of any other information which may or may not be held.

In this request, the questions are very broad, and if the force have officially confirmed some limited use of Palantir, then it could be that you need to consider citing substantive exemptions against *some* information captured here, if held – namely information that pertains ONLY to the officially confirmed use, and then apply a partial NCND for anything else which may or may not be held. It’s difficult to say without knowing what you have officially avowed and what you hold. If you have any further queries once you have conducted checks for any official publications and know what you hold, please come back to us with as much detail as possible about what you hold, what is published officially, and all comments from your force SPOC’s and we will aim to assist further at that time.

In summary, our advice at this stage is to thoroughly check whether any *official* confirmation of Palantir use has been given *by the force* – this should be undertaken with your media and comms teams and any other in-force SPOCs as you see fit. Thereafter the above stances can be followed