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NPCC National Facial Recognition Technology Board

10th July 2025, 1000 - 1200, via Microsoft Teams

Chair: Lindsey Chiswick - Director of Performance, Tasking and Insight Metropolitan Police
National Police Chiefs' Council Lead for Facial Recognition

Attendance and Apologies

- Metropolitan Police (Chair)
- Kent Police
- South Wales Police
- Leicestershire Police
- South Wales Police
- Sussex Police
- Avon and Somerset Police
- West Yorkshire Police
- Cheshire Police
- College of Policing
- Police National Database
- National Biometric Function
- Northumbria Police
- British Transport Police
- Police Scotland
- Home Office
- Defence Science and Technology Laboratory
- British Transport Police
- Cumbria Police
- Dyfed Powys Police
- ***CLOSED***
- North Yorkshire Police
- South Yorkshire Police
- Greater Manchester Police
- Greater Manchester Police
- National Biometric Function

City of London Police
City of London Police
South Wales Police
Home Office
Dorset Police
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Warwickshire Police
West Midlands Police
Thames Valley Police
National Biometric Function, Minutes
Metropolitan Police Service
Isle of Man Police
Police Scotland
CLOSED
Northamptonshire Police
Metropolitan Police Service
South Wales and Gwent Police
City of London Police
Essex and Kent Police
Merseyside Police
Devon and Cornwall Police
Defence Science and Technology Laboratory
Metropolitan Police Service

Apologies:

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Northamptonshire Police
Cleveland Police
South Wales Police
Digital Data and Technology Committee Co-ordinator
Police National Database Manager
Hampshire & Isle of Wight Police
Cumbria Police
South Wales Police

1 & 2 Previous Minutes & Actions

Chair welcomed attendees. Introductions given by new attendees.
Minutes for the 14th May 2025 accepted.
Terms of Reference accepted.
Outstanding Actions – 51 – ***CLOSED*** – closed.

3. Home Office and Legislation update

- An updated was provided to the board regarding the Home Office and legislation. Noting the procedures required for the consultation process. The summer impeding recess was also noted as a consideration for timescales.
- The current legal landscape was noted for the legal use and oversight of live facial recognition. *****CLOSED*****
- Francesca Whitelaw KC has been appointed interim Biometric Commissioner. The appointment is progressing through public appointment.
- A question was asked regarding Home Office facial recognition Communication plans with a response provided.

4. CLOSED

An update was provided to the board regarding engagements and the potential regime for retention. This may align to other biometrics such as DNA and fingerprints.
The programme is currently waiting for guidance from the government regarding potential legislation.

5. Operator Initiate Facial Recognition (OIFR)

- Engagement with key stakeholders is being arranged to share and understand perspectives.
- The chair of the OIFR working group reiterated policies are required for retrospective facial recognition and OIFR if OIFR is to be introduced into forces. Ensuring consistency of approach the Chair stated that draft policy will be reviewed by the board before agreement of publication.
- Update from action 50, including examples of importance of understanding the use, proportionality and diligence of decision making.

Action: *****CLOSED*****

- A force provided an update for their planned OIFR trial, including engagement, consultation and equitability testing with the National Physical Laboratory. Their provider has the capability for a LFR solution.
- Strategic Facial Matcher (SFM) provided a brief update on their workstream. A Question was asked regarding funding, licencing model and access.

6. Live Facial Recognition (LFR)

- The national project team for the 10 mobile LFR vans shared an update with the board.
- Following a question, the board was reminded of the College of Policing Authorised Professional Practice on LFR and the guidance included regarding the threshold should be used in accordance with the NPL equitability report. *****CLOSED*****.
- A question was asked of the potential for further national communication. It was noted that the Home Office will be preparing a national comms. plan. Local communication plans will need to be completed by each force to represent their own forces and their communities, support was offered by the project team..
- Silverstone Commander shared their experience of the event and the use of LFR.
- Templates of LFR signage were discussed. *****CLOSED*****
- *****CLOSED*****
- SWP shared their experiences of LFR deployments over the previous weekend.
- Forces shared examples of alerts, including locating a missing person, and a dynamic upload to assist locate a missing child (with permission of the guardian).

7. Next meeting

9th September 2025, 1000 - 1200



**NFRT Board
ACTION TABLE**

Ref	Ref	Action	Owner	Due Date	Status
51	14.05.2025	***CLOSED***	All	10.07.25	Closed
52	10.07.2924	***CLOSED***	***CLOSED***	09.10.25	Ongoing