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Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) Board

14th May 2026, 13:00 – 15:00 via Microsoft Teams

Chair: Lindsey Chiswick - Director of Performance, Tasking and Insight, Metropolitan Police Service, NPCC
FRT Lead

Attendance and Apologies

Metropolitan Police Service, Director of Performance,
Tasking and Insight, NPCC FRT Lead

Humberside Police
North Yorkshire Police
Kent Police
Surrey Police
National Capabilities Manager CLOSED
Devon & Cornwall Police
Thames Valley Police
Lancashire Police
Sussex and Surrey Police
Norfolk Police
Merseyside Police
South Wales Police
Staffordshire Police
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Isle of Man Police

West Yorkshire Police

Police Scotland

Metropolitan Police Service

Immigration Enforcement

West Midlands Police

Nottinghamshire Police

Home Office

Norfolk Police

Defence Science and Technology Laboratory

Merseyside Police

Apologies:

Dorset Police

South Yorkshire

Essex Police

Cleveland Police

Essex and Kent Police

1 & 2. Welcome, Introductions and Previous Minutes and Actions

Chair welcomed attendees. Introductions given by new attendees.

Previous minutes were agreed.

There were no actions brought forward.

3. Home Office update

- An update was provided in relation to work on-going, this included reference to the raising of Facial Recognition during the Kings speech at the state opening of Parliament. Further reading can be found [here](#).
- Home Office representatives also provided an update in relation to the on-going work with Facial Recognition nationally and an ask for continued engagement with the board.

4. MPS Judicial Review

- CLOSED

ACTION: CLOSED.

5. Retrospective Facial Recognition (RFR)

- An update was provided by colleagues who are leading on the work of the LEFR RFR Service.
- 2 Pilots are now live and taking place within Essex and Cheshire Police, members were provided with a brief overview of the initial use cases and statistics.
- A presentation is being prepared by research colleagues to update policing as the pilot progresses.
- User feedback was provided via a pilot force.
- LEFR RFR team wanted to thank colleagues for their work to date.
- A presentation was delivered from West Yorkshire illustrating their RFR process in force and their tool entitled Face Reveal. This presentation covered the principles and purpose of their solution and its use within force.
- CLOSED raised the work on-going with the Forensic Science Regulator about future codes.

6. HMICFRS

- HMICFRS colleagues gave an overview of their work.
- They advised their thematic inspections were focussed on just the Retrospective element of FR.

7. Operator Initiated Facial Recognition (OIFR)

- A presentation was given on behalf of South Wales & Gwent Police in relation to their first year pilot of their mobile application.
- Use cases, training information and basic learning outcomes were shared with attendees.

8. Live Facial Recognition (LFR)

- MPS provided an update in relation to their Croydon pilot deploying with fixed cameras as opposed to vehicle mounted cameras.
- Colleagues from BTP provided an update in relation to their prior deployment using a mobile unit within train stations.

9. AOB

- MPS provided a brief overview of their forthcoming deployment on Saturday 16th May and their planned use of LFR in London.
- Use of FR within BodyWornVideo was raised by a group member. It was suggested that forces need to look at their documentation prior to any use in a pilot and consider obtaining legal advice regarding its use.
- WYP advised they had recently undergone their ICO audit in relation to their use of LFR and RFR.

10. Next meeting

21st July 2026



NFRT Board
ACTION TABLE

Date	Ref	Action	Owner	Due Date	Status
14/05/2026	59	CLOSED	CLOSED	21.07.2026	Open