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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI352248676**

Thank you for your request for information relating to use of facial recognition software.

You have requested the following information:

I'm writing to you under the freedom of information act (2000) to ask whether your force / authority use facial recognition software in video cameras/CCTV cameras, or any other compatible device, both portable or static. Specifically, both Live Facial Recognition (LFR) or Automated Facial Recognition (AFR) software, from 2016- 2021.

- 1. I'd like to know about any trials or active contracts of facial recognition software.**
- 2. I'd like to know which company / companies have been used / are being used.**
- 3. I'd like to know the cost of this, either as a trial for the whole period it ran for, or the ongoing cost of it year by year.**

For Questions 1 to 3, we confirm that Coventry City Council does not use any facial recognition software.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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