

Freedom of Information Act request (ref. 281)

Request received 25 February 2019:

2016/17 Funding -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/508668/successful_Bids_to_the_PIF_2016-17.pdf Integrated partnership CCTV platform embedded with automated MISPER detection capability

2017/18 Funding - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-transformation-fund-successful-bids-2017-to-2018> Integrated partnership CCTV platform embedded with automated MISPER detection capability

<https://www.examinerlive.co.uk/news/west-yorkshire-news/how-new-style-cctv-could-13532881>

“West Yorkshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner Mark Burns-Williamson has approved Home Office funding for a £106,000 feasibility study to look at a regional ‘interoperability CCTV’ system” a “regional CCTV system”

<http://www.westyorkshire-pcp.gov.uk/Documents/Meetings/22%20April%202016/Item%205%20-%20HO%20Innovation%20Fund%202016-17.pdf>

“Integrated partnership CCTV platform embedded with automated MISPER detection capability - Working in partnership with organisations of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority develop an integrated public CCTV shared capability with facial recognition software to identify the whereabouts of vulnerable missing persons. (Community Safety Partnerships of Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield, Metro- Transport Executive, Five West Yorkshire Adult and Young People Safeguarding Boards)”

With reference to the above links please could you supply the following information:

- 1) Please advise when this feasibility study commenced to look at a regional CCTV and whether it has finished. If it has not finished please advise when the finish date will be.
- 2) If the study is finished please supply the documents that detail the feasibility study. Please advise if non are available yet and the reasons why.
- 3) Please supply minutes of meetings where this study was discussed.
- 4) Please supply the privacy impact assessment (PIA) for having a regional, connected, CCTV system and specifically, which may be included in the general PIA, the privacy impact assessment/s done for the facial recognition element of the system.
- 5) Please advise if the Information Commissioner’s Office has been involved in this feasibility study.
- 6) Please advise if the Surveillance Camera Commissioner or his office has been involved in this feasibility study.

Response

The feasibility study into the CCTV platform with automated MISPER detection capability did not take place. The Home Office Innovation Fund bids were designed to cover the cost of a 2 year

feasibility study. Under the Home Office Innovation Fund rules, the first year's funding was lost as it was not claimed within that year. This was due to a number of delays in initiating the work. The Terms of Reference was subsequently redefined with a shorter, 5 month timescale (which ended in March 2018) and the reduced funding supported the exploration of the existing CCTV interoperability across West Yorkshire, known as the West Yorkshire CCTV Interoperability Feasibility Study.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is therefore unable to provide the information requested.

However, if you wish to receive a response to your 6 questions relating instead to the West Yorkshire CCTV Interoperability Feasibility Study, please confirm.

Review Rights

If you consider that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. I have attached a copy of our appeals policy which explains how to submit an appeal and who will consider it.