

I am writing to request information regarding West Midlands Police's use of algorithms, specifically algorithmic risk-assessment tools to make predictions relating to individuals. For example, a number of police forces in the UK are in the process of developing algorithmic tools to aid decision-making by custody officers when assessing the risk of future offending.

- 1) Is your police force currently using any algorithmic risk-assessment tools to make predictions relating to individuals?

West Midlands Police are not currently using any algorithmic tool to make predictions relating to individuals.

- 2) If yes, what types of prediction is the tool being used to make? (e.g. risk of re-offending, risk of committing violence etc.)

Not applicable.

- 3) Is your police force currently developing any algorithmic risk-assessment tools to make predictions relating to individuals?

West Midlands Police is at the early stages of developing algorithmic risk assessment tool. We have not started to build a predictive model but it is within the plan.

- 4) If yes, what types of prediction is the tool being used to make? (e.g. risk of re-offending, risk of committing violence etc.)

The first model that will be used will be used to assess risk of reoffending. However, this will not be from a person in custody perspective but a broader look at an individuals vulnerability to offend with a view of being able to identify opportunities to better support people away from criminal activities