I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information relating to West Midlands Police's use of Automatic Facial Recognition technology (AFR) at Premier League football matches.

a) The total number of people subject to a football banning order (FBO) identified using AFR at football matches.
In addition, if held
b) The total number of people subject to a FBO identified without use of AFR at football matches.
In addition, if held
c) The total number of people identified as "positive matches" using AFR at football matches.
d) The total number of "false positive" identifications of people using AFR at football matches.

I am seeking this information for all past deployments of AFR at Premier League football matches (both inside and outside stadiums). If possible, I would appreciate if you could confirm the following:
a) At which Premier League football grounds AFR has been deployed.
b) The date on which AFR was first deployed at each ground.
c) The date of the most recent deployment of AFR at each ground.
d) The total number of Premier League football matches at which AFR has been deployed.

Under FOI there is no recorded information held. However, if any trials of Facial Recognition are to be considered this would need to be passed successfully through internal governance.

Please also see the following link in relation to football banning orders:
official statistics for football-related arrests and banning orders

In addition to the above, West Midlands Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relevant to this request as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 24(2) – National security
Section 31(3) – Law enforcement