

Dear Mr Omanovic

**Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 01/FOI/19/002194**

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 25th of April 2019. I note you seek access to the following information:

**YOUR REQUEST:**

Initial Request

"I would like a copy of any data sharing agreements or similar such contracts with FaceWatch

([https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=7089&d=IIDB3N7RCgE8SD\\_NXhyjrQvrJiRu6Nhqj8X3pl67Q&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2efacewatch%2eco%2euk%2f](https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=7089&d=IIDB3N7RCgE8SD_NXhyjrQvrJiRu6Nhqj8X3pl67Q&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2efacewatch%2eco%2euk%2f))"

Clarification – 10/05/2019

"The time period can be from 1 January 2015 to today's date 10 May 2019.

Clarification – 21/05/2019

"The Information Commissioner's Office describes a data sharing agreement as the following ([https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1068/data\\_sharing\\_code\\_of\\_practice.pdf](https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1068/data_sharing_code_of_practice.pdf)):

*Data sharing agreements – sometimes known as 'data sharing protocols' – set out a common set of rules to be adopted by the various organisations involved in a data sharing operation. These could well form part of a contract between organisations. It is good practice to have a data sharing agreement in place, and to review it regularly, particularly where information is to be shared on a large scale, or on a regular basis. A data sharing agreement should, at least, document the following issues:•the purpose, or purposes, of the sharing;•the potential recipients or types of recipient and the circumstances in which they will have access;•the data to be shared;•data quality – accuracy, relevance, usability etc;•data security;•retention of shared data;•individuals' rights – procedures for dealing with access requests, queries and complaints;•review of effectiveness/termination of the sharing agreement; and•sanctions for failure to comply with the agreement or breaches by individual staff.*

So my request can be interpreted to mean any agreement with FaceWatch which "set[s] out a common set of rules to be adopted by the various organisations involved in a data sharing operation.". This can include a document is formally called a 'data

sharing agreement', but it may also include any document which sets out common rules but is not formally called a 'data sharing agreement'. “

## **SEARCHES TO LOCATE INFORMATION**

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted within the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

## **DECISION**

I have written to the Information Sharing Support Unit (ISSU) that acts as the single point of contact for the MPS for information sharing advice generally and the compliance of Data Sharing Agreements (DSA) by business groups. This unit creates and maintains the corporate searchable DSA Registry.

ISSU have informed me that the search within the ISSU file area has failed to retrieve any data sharing agreements with FaceWatch for the requested period.

This notice concludes your request for information. I would like to thank you for your interest in the MPS.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact me on 0207 161 4029 or via email at [collin.hazeley@met.police.uk](mailto:collin.hazeley@met.police.uk), quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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**Information Manager**