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John Finnie MSP  
Convener – Justice Sub-Committee on Policing  
Justice Sub-Committee Clerks  
Room T2.60  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
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Dear Mr Finnie

**Facial Recognition**

I refer to your correspondence received on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 regarding Glasgow City Council's (GCC) plans to introduce Suspect Search software to its public space CCTV system.

In response to your questions I can advise you on the following:

- GCC has renamed the software application as Person Search.
- GCC is currently finalising the Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) before assessing whether we need to share this with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).
- There have been ongoing discussions with the ICO with regard to the system but the DPIA has yet to be approved and is therefore not yet published.
- Impact on privacy and human rights are covered within the DPIA.
- The DPIA covers the potential impact on communities of the use of this software.
- Once we have completed our DPIA and (if necessary) this has been considered by the Information Commissioner, we will then consider how best to engage with the people of Glasgow on their views and how to build trust on the operation of the software and its use.
- GCC would also like to reiterate that Person Search does not have facial recognition capability.

If you require any further information please contact Kalim Uddin on 0141 276 7722.

Yours sincerely

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