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Via email

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Dear Data Justice Lab

YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information that was received on 30 April 2018. We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

Your request:

We are submitting the following Freedom of Information Request for documents relating to data systems used for risk assessment, predictive analytics or scoring systems. We are interested in documents related to the London Ventures initiative, developed with Xantura, related to the identification of individuals or families at risk of homelessness. For an overview of the system we are referring to, please see page 5 of this PDF: <https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/node/33575>

We are aware this system is in the process of being rolled out. If any of our questions are impossible to answer because that part of the system has yet to be implemented, please instead provide us with details on what the plans are for that aspect of the implementation in the future.

Specifically, we are requesting:

- Documents relating to which factors / data points this system considers in its calculations, and the sources of that data.***
- Documents relating to how the system uses this data to identify which households or individuals it deems as at risk of homelessness. This could include information relating to the model that is used, or how any algorithms the system uses function.***
- Any information relating to how the outputs of this system are integrated into the wider functions of your local authority. This could include information relating to how the systems calculations influence funding decisions, service provisions, individual or family focused interventions, etc.***
- Information related to safeguarding measures associated with the system, including those related to the system's accuracy and any blind spots it may have.***

Information relating to the guidance staff are given in relation to their interactions with this system. This could include staff training materials, presentations, etc.

Our response:

We currently do not hold any information relating to the request, however you are able to contact us again in the future.

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Yours sincerely

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