

Durham County Council
Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information request



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You Requested:	Requestor: Data Justice Lab	

We are submitting the following Freedom of Information Request for documents relating to data analytics, predictive analytics, or algorithmic automated systems used for risk assessment, predictive analytics, scoring systems or automated decision making within the jurisdiction of Durham County Council. This could include: big data systems which derive trends from datasets, data analytics being used for targeted medical or social services interventions, the division of different populations into different risk categories based upon the outputs of data analytics, the use of data analytics to guide and justify public service distribution, data analytics as part of “smart city” initiatives, etc.

Specifically, we are requesting:

- Any briefing notes, reports, evaluations, or summaries concerning the systems.
- Any overviews about how system outputs are produced.
- Any information on safeguarding measures related to the systems. For example, procedures that attempt to ensure a system does not reproduce bias.
- Any data visualization outputs connected to the systems.
- Any promotional material, presentation material, or educational material related to the systems.
- Any contracts relating to the systems.
- Any training manuals or materials (e.g. slides, etc.) for staff about data collection, analysis, assessment and reporting as related to the use of the systems.

- Any contracts with private companies, private contractors, other government agencies and non-governmental agencies that are connected to the development and ongoing use of the systems.
- Any reports or summaries related to real or potential costs versus savings associated with use of the systems.
- The software that comprises the systems.
- Information on what sources of data the systems use.

Also, please note we are not requesting datasets or any data about individuals.

Our Response:

Durham County Council does not have any software that derive trends from datasets, data analytics being used for targeted management purposes.

Attachments: None

Exemptions Applied: not applicable

The Public Interest Test: not applicable

Review Procedure

I hope that this information is of assistance. However, if you feel that this particular request has not been complied with fully under the terms of the Act then please put your grounds in writing stating exactly why our interpretation of the Act and guidance has been incorrect and email that to:

foi@durham.gov.uk.

After you have exhausted our internal appeals procedure, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at: Telephone: 01625 545 745 Email: casework@ico.org.uk

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