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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, which we received on the 20 June 2018. Your request has been reviewed and responded to as a legal obligation pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request

We ask that this response be reconsidered as it may have been misunderstood. In your response you said that you do not hold any information relating to the questions we asked. However, as an example, we are aware of previous work Southwark carried out with Fujitsu relating to the detection of council tax fraud (<http://www.fujitsu.com/uk/casestudies/southwark-council.html>). This is an example of the uses of data we are interested in

Our response

As part of an NFA initiative Southwark Council entered into a data matching exercise to evaluate the student discounts awarded for Council tax purposes. The review was a new pilot developed for free with National Fraud Authority (NFA) and Fujitsu. There was no sharing of the methodology or software. The data analytics were conducted between NFA and Fujitsu. The results were shared with our Revenue & Benefits and Council Tax teams.

However, having carried out a search of our records, we have been unable to locate any recorded information as specified in your requests. Therefore, in accordance with section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we confirm that we do not hold the information as requested.

The Local Care Record health records system does not involve any data analytics, predictive analytics, or algorithmic automated systems used for risk assessment, predictive analytics,

scoring systems or automated decision making. Instead, the system permits only access to care records between the participating London boroughs.

For information on Xantura records, please refer back to our original response ref 922940 which answers your request in full.

Please note that under the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 Southwark Council ask not to receive unsolicited marketing communications.

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Yours sincerely

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