

04 December 2025

Dear

**ATISN 26375 - External Investigation - Harvesting and use of human biometric data by private companies in Wales**

**Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 November 2025. You asked for:

1. The number of private companies in Wales authorised to use facial recognition computer software to harvest human biometric data, and
2. The primary and / or secondary legislation available to Welsh Government to monitor and control the harvesting and use of human biometric data by private companies in Wales.

**Our response**

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Welsh Government. Facial Recognition Technology is a reserved matter and is the responsibility of the UK Government.

**Next steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely