

24th January 2020

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 please could you supply the following data from CBS Kilkenny<sup>1</sup> relating to it's decision to consider using facial recognition technology<sup>2 3</sup>

- 1) Please provide records of communication of any shape or form and all documentation and all information between the school and the company offering facial recognition technology. (I would rather receive redacted documents than no documents at all, with reasons for redactions).
- 2) Please supply records of any shape or form and all documentation and all information relating to evidence pertaining to the perceived improvements facial recognition would add to the school registration process.
- 3) Please provide records of communication of any shape or form and all documentation and all information relating to instances where the intent to use facial recognition was communicated with parents or students.
- 4) Please provide any recorded data the school has on how the use of facial recognition within the school would comply with GDPR and any other Data Protection legislation.
- 5) Please provide any recorded data on what provisions would there be for pupils not to participate in the facial recognition system?
- 6) Please provide any privacy impact assessment done on the facial recognition system or if there is no privacy impact assessment please state that.
- 7) Please supply any records and all documentation to all information relating to the school's awareness of other schools in Ireland also using/trialing/planning to trial facial recognition technology (not necessarily supplied by this company)
- 8) Please supply any records and all documentation to all information relating to the school's awareness of whether the company, offering the facial recognition, operates facial recognition technology in any other schools, if so please advise which countries they supply facial recognition technology to in schools, or if they supply facial recognition to any other businesses in Ireland.
- 9) Please provide any records relating to research trips or meetings off the school site that school staff have undertaken on this. (This may be covered in Q1)
- 10) Please provide any records or documents relating to whether the facial recognition system would work with the schools existing camera system or would a new camera system/other hardware need to be put in place?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://cbskilkenny.ie>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.businesspost.ie/news-focus/school-puts-plans-for-facial-recognition-pilot-on-hold-over-gdpr-5b2f27f5>

<sup>3</sup> <https://kilkennynow.ie/kilkenny-schools-plan-to-introduce-facial-recognition-technology-for-students-in-doubt-after-parent-complained/>

11) Please advise the name of the company offering facial recognition.

12) Please supply records of any shape or form and all documentation and all information to how the facial recognition technology would be financed.

Some parts of this request may be easier to answer than others and in such case please could you release available data as soon as possible rather than delay the entire request.

If you are not fully certain of what it is I am asking then I look forward to contact from you as soon as possible to clarify what it is I am requesting in order to meet your obligations under the law.

If the costs of processing this request exceed the limit in the Act, please advise on what information you are able to supply within the cost limit.

Thank you

Kind regards,

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