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BY E-MAIL: info@bigbrotherwatch.org.uk

I note the content of your open letter dated 18th September 2019. As you are aware, the High Court recently concluded that the use by South Wales Police of face matching technology, in support of operational decision-making has been fair, proportionate and is lawful. I do not consider that judgment to be a green-light for any or all future use of these types of technology but I am grateful for the clarity the judgment has provided concerning our careful application of specific systems under stringent controls, in accordance with the law and after considerable scrutiny.

On that basis, I hope we will be able to continue to contribute to the dialogue around how fairness and transparency are promoted in the use of algorithmic and biometric technologies. I recognise that many concerns are directed at the wider development and future potential misuse of face matching. There is a risk that those concerns are overlaid onto our use of facial recognition for limited periods against specific objectives.

All the signatories to your letter are very welcome to visit one of our ongoing deployments to understand how our operations are undertaken in practice and to talk more about the care we have and will continue to take in striking the balance between privacy and security.

If you would like to do that, please get in contact with T/Chief Inspector Scott Lloyd on: Scott.Lloyd@south-wales.pnn.police.uk

Yours sincerely



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Chief Constable

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