

Biometrics Commissioner

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The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (‘PoFA’)

Commenced on 31 October 2013

PoFA Regime: DNA Samples

1. DNA Samples must be destroyed as soon as a DNA profile has been derived or within 6 months of the date it was taken.
2. Exception for DNA samples that may be discloseable under CPIA.

PoFA Regime: Profiles and Fingerprints

General Rule

Conviction/Caution: Indefinite Retention

Principal Exceptions

1. Subject under 18 years of age
2. 'Qualifying' Offence
3. National Security Determination

Crime Stains / 'Crime Scene Samples'

Section 63T(1) of PACE

“Any material to which section 63D ... applies must not be used other than –

(a) in the interests of national security,

(b) for the purposes of a terrorist investigation,

(c) for purposes related to the prevention or detection of crime, the investigation of an offence or the conduct of a prosecution, or

(d) for purposes related to the identification of a deceased person or of the person to whom the material relates.”



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The BBC's *Newsnight* team lurched into action last night by "revealing" that "up to 18 million" mugshots of Brits were being stored on a huge police database without proper regulatory oversight.

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Many on database pictured on arrest but then not charged with any crime
However pictures remain on file indefinitely which has concerned experts
Police can search library for suspects using facial recognition technology

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Current and future uses of biometric data and technologies

Sixth Report of Session 2014–15

HC 734

“We are not against the police using biometric technologies like facial recognition software to combat crime and terrorism. But we were alarmed to discover that the police have begun uploading custody photographs of people to the Police National Database and using facial recognition software without any regulatory oversight – some of the people had not even been charged.”

“We have seen in the past how public trust in emerging technologies may be severely damaged in the absence of full and frank debate.”

Proportionality

**Investigative/Intelligence
Purposes Only**

Medical Conditions and Cross-Searching

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