

**Question from Professor Adrian James, Independent member**

**Submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

The media reported on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 concerns around the use and accuracy of algorithms, with the suggestion that some Forces are increasingly experimenting with the use of artificial intelligence (AI) or automated decision-making. Surrey and West Yorkshire are cited as using them to identify crime 'hot spots'.

**Can the PCC comment on whether SY Police are making use of such systems, or if there are any plans to do so in the future? If so, can the PCC tell the Police and Crime Panel how he will be monitoring and reporting on this?**

**RESPONSE FROM THE PCC – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

The PCC has been assured that the Force are not using artificial intelligence (AI) or algorithms in the context of what has been subject to media coverage recently.