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Joint Biometrics Strategy 2025-30
Consultation Workshop (Young People)



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Session Breakdown

- What are biometrics?
- What is the **Joint Biometrics Strategy 2025-30**? How might it impact you?
- 3 Activities:
 - 1) **Young People & Tech, what are the positives/negatives?**
 - 2) **Police Scotland & Tech, is this a good thing? How can it help?**
 - 3) **Developing solutions to reduce potential risk**
- Gather ideas, feedback and round-up session.



Your input today is important! 😊

We will gather all your ideas and feedback, and this will be considered while the strategy is developed.





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What are biometrics?

Biometrics are things that make you, *you*!

They are body features or patterns that are **unique**, so they can help identify a person.

Examples of biometrics:

- **Fingerprints** – the lines on your fingers that no one else has
- **Your face** – the shape, eyes, nose, etc.
- **Your voice** – everyone's voice sounds slightly different
- **Your eyes** – the patterns in the coloured part of your eye



Can you think of any examples where your biometrics have been used?

Fingerprint Scanning



Touch ID



Secure Access

Facial Recognition



Face ID



Snapchat Filters



Airport eGates

Eye Tracking



Eye Tracking Navigation



Attention Aware



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What is a strategy?

A strategy is a **big plan**. It's how we decide what we want to improve, and the best way to do it.

👉 Think of it like a map showing us where we want to go and how we'll get there.

Why does Police Scotland have strategies?

Police Scotland uses strategies to:

- Keep people safe
- Be fair and kind
- Listen to communities
- Make things better for the future

Strategies help everyone **work towards the same goals**, instead of all doing different things.



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The strategy - what's it all about?

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Maximising technology:

- We use new technology like fingerprints and face scans to help **keep people safe** and **solve crimes faster**.
- We promise to be open and honest about how we use this technology and make sure it's used **responsibly**.



2

Public trust and confidence:

- We want people to trust how we use things like fingerprints and face scans.
- That means being **clear and honest about what we do**, how long we keep the data, and the rules we follow.
- We'll listen to people's concerns and work with experts and the public to **make good decisions**.
- Independent checks will help **make sure we're doing the things right**, and we'll explain where to find this information.



3

Making sure Police Scotland are fair & legal:

- We want to follow the rules about using things like fingerprints, DNA, and face pictures.
- This means we only collect and keep this information **when it's really needed**, and we do it in a **fair and legal** way.
- We make sure it's done safely and respectfully, so everyone's privacy is protected.



4

Organisational awareness:

- We want to make sure our rules about using personal data are part of everything we do.
- This means we train our staff regularly, so they know how to handle information safely, fairly and to the highest standards.





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Activity 1 – Young People & Technology



1. Draw a picture of yourself on the paper provided

(it doesn't have to be perfect!)

2. Around your drawing, make a list of:

What technology do you use as a young person?



What are the positives / negatives of using this tech?





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Activity 2 – Police Scotland & Technology

Police Scotland might use biometrics:

- To help **identify people** safely – use of live facial recognition can help identify people quickly
- To **solve crimes** by matching fingerprints, facial recognition or DNA
- To make sure information is **correct and secure**

Using the Post-It notes, write down:

What are the positives to Police Scotland potentially using some of these new technologies?



Do you have any concerns about Police Scotland potentially using any of these new technologies?





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Activity 3 - Developing Solutions



Using the Post-It notes, write down:
**How might the problems you identified
be fixed or prevented?**



For example:

- How can Police Scotland minimise potential risks?
- How can a potential problem be prevented from happening?





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Group Feedback: Let's discuss!



Young People
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Police Scotland
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Problems
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