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



# Joint Biometrics Strategy 2025-30

## 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.



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

**Your input today is important! 😊**





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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

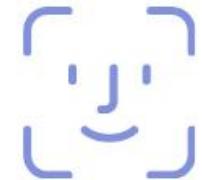


Touch ID



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**.



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### 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.



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### 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.



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### 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  
& Tech**



**Police Scotland  
& Tech**



**Problems  
& Solutions**





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**Thank you for your participation!**  
**Any questions?**

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