

The Homicide Prediction Project — the UK Ministry of Justice's Secret AI Risk-Profiling Tool

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

FOI documents revealed the UK Ministry of Justice built a predictive-policing tool with the Home Office and two police forces, using data on 100,000-500,000 people, including mental-health and self-harm records, to flag those 'at risk' of committing homicide.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	0/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[UK Ministry of Justice, with the Home Office, Greater Manchester Police and the Metropolitan Police](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[Statewatch: UK Ministry of Justice secretly developing 'murder prediction' system](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[Newsweek: Government using tech to predict possible murderers](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[Statewatch: Over 1,300 people profiled daily by MoJ AI system to 'predict' re-offending risk](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

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