

FOI Reference Number: FOI/485/1819

Date: 30 January 2019

Request:

1. Is your organisation using any algorithms and/or artificial intelligence software in the process of delivering public services?

2. If Yes, please provide details:

(i) Of the algorithms or artificial intelligence software you use;

(ii) Of whether you use a commercial product or whether you have developed your own system;

(iii) Of the purpose for which the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software operates;

(iv) Of the decisions the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software is asked to make or assist;

(v) Of the type, classification and amount of data that the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software uses in the decision making process;

(vi) Of the process by which the decision made or assisted by the algorithm is subject to human review;

(vii) Of the process by which you inform an individual that they have been subject to a decision made or aided by an algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software?

(viii) Of the process by which a member of the public can challenge a decision that has been made or aided by an algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software;

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 28 January 2019.

Please find below, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to algorithms.

1. Is your organisation using any algorithms and/or artificial intelligence software in the process of delivering public services?

None.

2. If Yes, please provide details:

None of the below are applicable.

(i) Of the algorithms or artificial intelligence software you use;

- (ii) Of whether you use a commercial product or whether you have developed your own system;*
- (iii) Of the purpose for which the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software operates;*
- (iv) Of the decisions the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software is asked to make or assist;*
- (v) Of the type, classification and amount of data that the algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software uses in the decision making process;*
- (vi) Of the process by which the decision made or assisted by the algorithm is subject to human review;*
- (vii) Of the process by which you inform an individual that they have been subject to a decision made or aided by an algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software?*
- (viii) Of the process by which a member of the public can challenge a decision that has been made or aided by an algorithm and/or artificial intelligence software;*

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/485/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.