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1. We thank you for your time, consideration of, and advice on the report *Safe and ethical use of algorithms* which was commissioned from specialist consulting firm, Taylor Fry Pty Ltd.
2. The Expert Panels report was in a style and format that was helpful, and we believe that the level of detail provided was in line with our expectations when the panel was established. As a model, we believe that it sets a good standard for future referral reports.

Process taken

3. Your advice was considered and adds complimentary value to the Taylor Fry report. It was acknowledged that the second report by Taylor Fry *Guidelines for algorithm life-cycle management*, that was not provided to the Panel at the time of the initial referral, provided greater detail on the points that you raised and generally supported your advice.
4. Taylor Fry was provided with your advice to allow them to comment and provide further commentary. Their response is attached which notes that the Panels comments 'add to, rather than detract from our report'.
5. The report *Safe and ethical use of algorithms*, Expert Panel advice, and Taylor Fry response were considered by the Organisational Capability Governance Group (OCGG). The Group were appreciative of the level of detail, advice and recommendations provided which enables NZ Police to take the next steps to strengthen our governance processes, and adopt best practice guidelines to ensure the safe and ethical use of algorithms. Your advice will be adopted when implementing our best practice guidelines.

Next steps

6. The National Coordination Lead: Emergent Technologies will lead the development of an implementation plan to give effect to the recommended best practice approach to algorithms.
7. We will proactively publish the Taylor Fry report, the Expert Panel advice, and Taylor Fry response to our [web page](#).