



## Yoti Guardians Council Internal Meeting Minutes

**12 January 2024, NB** Meeting rebooked this meeting from Dec 2023.

**Attendance:** See Table at end  
**Date:** 12 January 2024

**Location:** Google Hangout  
**Recorder:** Florian Chevoppe-Verdier

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| -   | <p><b>Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approve draft <a href="#">external minutes</a> from last meeting and progress</li> <li>- Funding Update RT</li> <li>- For information R&amp;D, 2024 plans<br/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Guardian's update</li> </ul> </li> <li>- For information Trust &amp; Safety team - <a href="#">progress update</a></li> <li>- Updates from the Ethics Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Handling requests related to the accounts of deceased</li> <li>b. Draft process for internal flagging of potential downstream misuse.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Update on Guardian recruitment RT</li> </ul> |
| <b>Carry Over Actions from Past Meetings:</b> | <b>STATUS UPDATE</b>   |
| 15.00-15.10                                   | <p>Welcome</p> <p>No Actions were Carried Over from Past Meetings</p> <p>Minutes: Approved without modifications.</p>  |
| 15.10-15.25                                   | <p>- Funding discussion: Yoti team summarised the recent 'HSBC' funding round and gave an update on recent Post Office news stories and Digital ID priorities, summarising ongoing political developments.</p>   |
| 15.25-15.50                                   | <p>- 'Trust &amp; Safety Tool': Yoti team lead presented a summary outlining what has been built so far, outlining the pilots, upcoming work and commercial discussions.</p> <p>The team will move on to create a user interface to allow organisations to trial the tool and check performance.<br/> The DPIA (Data Protection Impact Assessment) is pending;</p>   |

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|               | thereafter we can approach regulators and more clients, NGOs.  |
| 15.50 - 16.15 | <p><b>Research &amp; development update:</b> R&amp;D team lead presented recent technological progress by the research and development teams:</p> <p>The focus on increasing the algorithmic fairness of the facial age estimation model and ongoing efforts to reduce overall bias within the mode.</p> <p>We will submit to <a href="#">NIST FRVT</a> and work on the overall accuracy of the face recognition model, using real and synthetic data.</p> <p>We continue to look at the impact of different face detection models, with more accurate landmarks, on the performance of the age estimation model for certain skin tones.</p>   |
| 16.15 - 16.35 | <p><b>Yoti Ethics Committee</b>, detailed the last topics reviewed internally,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 'Dealing with deceased people in the app' and had undertaken research into what some other technology companies do. we are following up to understand the approach from our strategic partner Lloyds</li> <li>2. was the issue of whether there should be a formal process for Yoti employees to anonymously report potential misuses / illegal actions on platforms belonging to Yoti clients, where our technology is being used by third parties, so we are potentially implicated by association. The Committee considered how these reports should be investigated, and what outcomes should be monitored.</li> </ol> <p>The Guardians asked to consider the idea of 'wargaming' future risks and to look at how they could support in a horizon scanning role, examining potential scenarios.</p> |
| 16.35-16.40   | <p>Guardian Recruitment – Recruitment: Yoti team provided a summary of proposed candidates, however the decision was made to postpone any decision until Convenor of Guardians and Yoti lead could provide input.</p> <p>The Guardians recommended one individual as a potential candidate. (This person is on the possible</p>  |

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|  | candidates list) with the proviso that we need to review skills sets to ensure we have a good mix. |
| 16.45 - 16.50  | AOB Date & invitation shared for <a href="#">5th Regulatory Roundtable March 2024</a>              |
| <b>Actions from this Meeting:</b>  | <b>STATUS UPDATE</b>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approval of minutes.</li> <li>○ To update if more developments of 'deceased' policy, more progress on client misuse/abuse policy.</li> <li>○ To update when DPIA for Trust &amp; Safety is complete.</li> </ul> | <p>Done</p> <p>Pending</p> <p>Pending</p>  |
| <b>Next Council meeting:</b>   | Q1 2024 - Monday 25th of March 2024  |

| Meeting Attendance |   |  |  |  |  |  |                          |   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Meeting Dates      |   |  |  |  |  |  | Yoti Staff               |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gavin Starks       | ● |  |  |  |  |  | Robin Tombs              | ● |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jerry Michalski    | ● |  |  |  |  |  | Florian Chevoppe-Verdier | ● |  |  |  |  |  |
| Seyi Akiwowo       | ● |  |  |  |  |  | Omari Rodney             | ● |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ken Banks          | ○ |  |  |  |  |  | Anika Bratzel            | ● |  |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |  |  |  |  |  | Joe Clarke               | ● |  |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |  |  |  |  |  | Erlend Davidson          | ● |  |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |  |  |  |  |  | Olivia Gibson            | ● |  |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |  |  |  |  |  | Julie Dawson             | ○ |  |  |  |  |  |

● = in attendance ○ = absent/ apologies ☒ = Not scheduled to attend

**Guardians attendees:** Seyi Akiwowo (by phone for the initial hour)