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# POLICING AND AI: OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS

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# WHAT ARE WE COVERING?

How can AI support policing?

- Productivity
- Analysis and insight
- Transparency



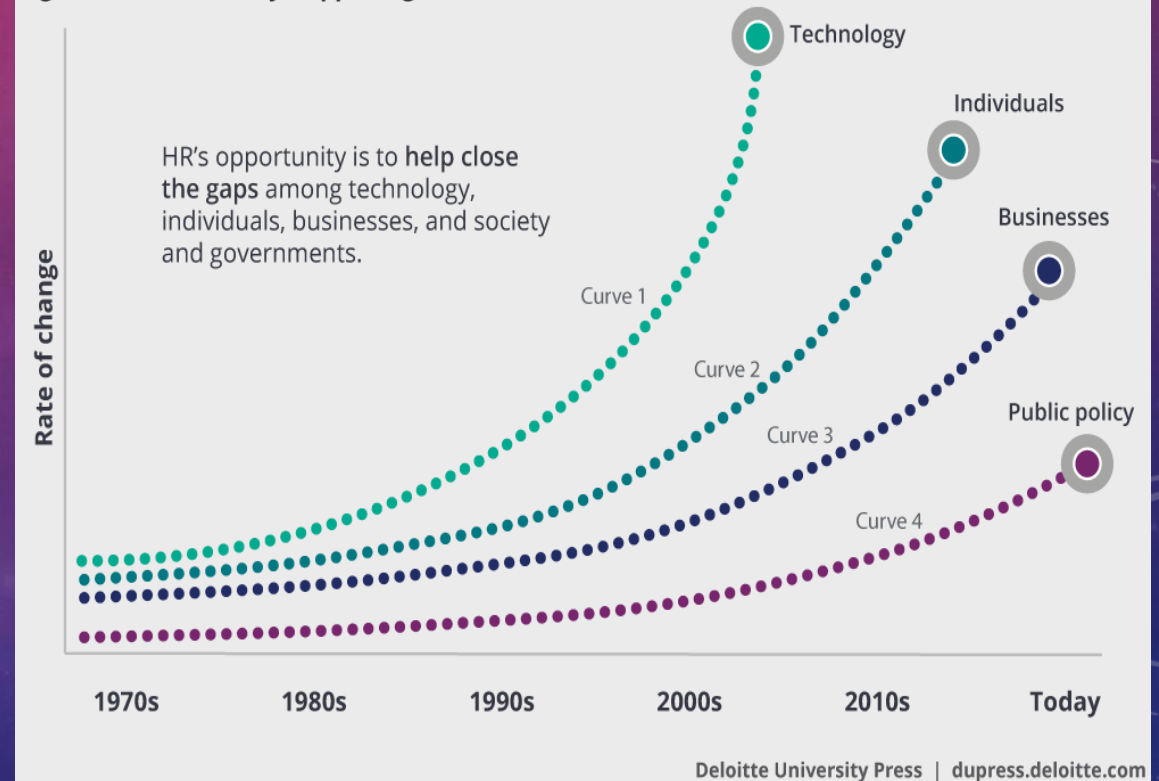
What are the challenges?

- Data
- AI and crime
- Trust

# CONTEXT – POLICING IN 2025

- Protecting the Public
- Rapidly changing context
- Disruption – unprecedented scrutiny
- Pressures
  - Resources
  - Performance
  - Trust and confidence
  - Workforce

Figure 2. What is *really* happening





# PRODUCTIVITY

- Policing productivity review
  - Auto redaction – text/image/video
  - Robotic process automation – CCTV portal
  - Auto transcription – report drafting
  - Public contact – 101 channels



# ANALYSIS & INSIGHT

- Changing nature of crime
- Volumes of data
- Multi-agency partnership data
- Increased complexity of investigation
- VAWG – identifying high harm perpetrators





# TRANSPARENCY

- Police decision making
- Public engagement and feedback
- Scrutiny – pervasive “sousveillance”
- Oversight gaps
- Performance



# THE DATA CHALLENGE

- Historic silos – within and between forces
- Data quality
- Decision making
- Skills
- Scaling of innovation pilots





# CRIMINAL USE OF AI

- Deepfakes – CSAM
- Fraud
- VAWG - intimate image abuse
- Misinformation
- Trust in digital evidence





# TRUST

- Innovation = Failure – risk appetite?
- Working in the open?
- Low trust landscape
- Misinformation



# THE WAY FORWARD?

- Adopt a “Scan > Pilot > Scale” approach
- Police Reform White Paper – national centre for policing
- Implement responsible AI checklist
- Digital strategy
- Data skills





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# THANK YOU!

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