

does yoti process any uk biometric data outside the uk

Short answer: **mostly no (storage), but yes in some limited/conditional ways (access, transfers, and processing context).**

Here's the precise breakdown based on Yoti's own disclosures and recent reporting:

1) Where biometric data is stored

- Yoti says **user data (including biometric data) is stored in UK data centres.**
- They explicitly state:

"We keep all the personal information... in the UK"

👉 So in terms of **primary storage location**, it is **kept in the UK**, not routinely hosted abroad.

2) Access from outside the UK (important nuance)

Even though data is stored in the UK:

- Yoti has a **security/operations centre in India** that can **remotely access user data** for fraud checks.
- They say the data **is not stored there**, but **may be viewed/processed by staff outside the UK** under contractual safeguards.

👉 This means:

- **Yes, biometric data can be accessed/processed outside the UK**

- But **no**, it isn't normally transferred for storage there
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3) Transfers to third parties abroad

- If you use Yoti to verify with a company in another country, your data **can be transmitted outside the UK** (e.g. to EU-based services).

👉 So:

- Cross-border transfer depends on **who you're verifying with**, not just Yoti itself.
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4) Cloud / regional processing (context from reporting)

- Age verification and identity checks may be processed within **UK, EU, or US cloud regions (e.g. AWS)** while remaining GDPR-compliant.

👉 This suggests:

- Some **processing infrastructure may sit outside the UK**, even if controlled under UK/EU data protection rules.
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5) Important distinction: type of biometric use

- Yoti claims some services (like facial age estimation) **don't create persistent biometric identifiers** and may delete images immediately after processing.
 - But other services (e.g. account authentication) **do involve biometric templates**, which regulators treat as sensitive data.
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Bottom line

- **Stored in the UK:** Yes (by default)

- **Accessed outside the UK:** Yes (e.g. India support teams)
- **Transferred outside the UK:** Sometimes (depending on the service/client)
- **Processed on non-UK infrastructure:** Possibly (e.g. cloud regions)

So the accurate answer is:

Yoti does not normally store UK biometric data outside the UK, but it can be accessed, processed, or transferred internationally under certain conditions.