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Our reference: FOI_24_0021

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0021

On 05/01/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to submit an FoI request and ask that you tell me the following:

1. How many reports your force received from people claiming to be the victim of deepfake photos or videos in the calendar or financial years (whichever is easiest) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
2. How many arrests, if any, were made as a result of these reports in those years

For the avoidance of doubt, I am not interested in reports of intimate images being shared without the person's consent - I am purely interested in reports of shared explicit images or videos that have been digitally manipulated or created to look like someone else without their consent, known as 'deepfakes'

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds no relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

I can confirm that there is no tag/category on the Crime Recording System relating to crimes involving deepfake photos or videos.

In order to try and ascertain if the Constabulary holds any relevant information, a free text search of the MOs of crimes recorded from 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2023 was conducted for the term 'deepfake'. The result was zero.

Please note that this simply denotes that the above term was not present in any MOs of crimes recorded in the time period above.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

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Yours sincerely,

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