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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_24_0917

On 10/10/2024 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following (with clarification):

1. Please share data on the number of incident reports, recorded on the Incident Recording System from 09/10/2022 to 09/10/2024 through a free text search, which contain both of the words 'deepfake' and 'porn'/pornography' or the phrases 'intimate image abuse' or 'revenge porn' within the text of the log. Please then review any returned logs for relevance to ascertain whether there is a 'deepfake' element as set out in my definition below at *.
 - a. Please can you share this data with me broken down by month.
2. The number of crimes, recorded on the Crime Recording System from 09/10/2022 to 09/10/2024 through a free text search, which contain the both the words 'deepfake' and 'porn'/pornography' within these following offences:
 - 088/15 Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification
 - 088/15 Threaten to share intimate photograph or film
 - 175/08 Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent
 - 008/72 - Send indecent or grossly offensive communication to cause distress or anxiety
 - Any offences under [section 127 CA 2003](#)
 - Any offences under [S.1 MCA 1988 – Mens Rea](#)
 - Any offences under [Part 10 of the OSA 2023](#)
 - Any offences under [Section 179\(1\) OSA 2023](#)
 - Any offences under [Section 181\(1\) OSA 2023](#)

Please then review any returned crimes for relevance to ascertain whether there is a 'deepfake' element as set out in my definition below at *.

- a. Please can you share this data with me broken down by month.
- b. Please can you provide a breakdown of the type of crime and the outcome.
- c. Please can you provide a breakdown of the gender and the ages of the victim's and suspects.

*By 'deepfake pornography' I refer to 'synthetic pornography that is created via altering already-existing photographs or video by applying deepfake technology to the images of the participants' often non-consensually, the products of which can sometimes be used as revenge porn.

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 2 searches were made of the Constabulary's systems.

A search of the, mostly free-text, Incident Recording System was made for incidents recorded from 09/10/2022 to 08/10/2024 in order to retrieve any Incidents that contained both the words 'deepfake' and 'porn' or the terms 'intimate image abuse' or 'revenge porn'.

The results of this search returns 180 characters of the part of the incident that contain these terms. These have been manually reviewed and none appeared to relate to your definition provided above.

A further search was conducted of Crimes recorded from 09/10/2022 to 08/10/2024 whereby both of the words 'deepfake' and 'porn' were present in the MO. The result of this search was zero.

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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