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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_0939

On 25/09/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Please see the home office codes below! Apologies for my delayed response.

008/71	<i>Disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress</i>
008/71	<i>Threats to disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress</i>
088/15	<i>Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification</i>
175/08	<i>Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent</i>
086/02	<i>Take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo photographs of children</i>

This was received following clarification of your earlier request –

Please can you provide me with the total number of offences recorded by police, broken down by month, since January 2024, of the following offences below. I'm specifically interested in those offences below relating to artificial intelligence usage, so I would like a breakdown to only include those offences which mention "AI", "artificial intelligence" or "deep fake" or "deepfake" in the crime MO notes – NB: if the force already has its own AI flag, please use that instead of the keyword search.

For each month since and including January 2023, up to the latest month available, could I have the AI-related offences (as classified using the above search terms):

1. Under Section 66b The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (the offence of sharing or threatening to share an intimate photograph or film of, or appearing to be of, someone - colloquially

known as 'revenge pornography' – see college of policing guidance here:
<https://www.college.police.uk/guidance/sharing-photographs-of-people-intimate-state>)

2. Under Section 66 E-F The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (the offence of creating purported intimate image of adult or Requesting the creation of purported intimate image of adult - basically the creation of revenge pornography)

3. Under Section 1a Protection of Children Act 1978 (creating sexually explicit images / pseudo images of a child)

4. Under Section 1b Protection of Children Act 1978 (to distribute or show such indecent photographs)

5. Under Section 1c Protection of Children Act 1978 (to possess such indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some 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.

A search has been conducted of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Crime Recording System for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2024 – 25/09/2025 where the offence is one of the following:

- 008/71 - disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress
- 008/71 - threats to disclose private sexual photographs and films with intent to cause distress
- 088/15 - sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification
- 175/08 - share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent
- 086/02 - take/make/distribute indecent photographs or pseudo photographs of children

Please see the table below for the total number of crimes recorded, broken down by month/year and offence:

Month/Year	Offence				Total
	Disclose private sexual photos/films w.i. to cause distress	Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent	Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film	Take/make indecent photo of children	
2024					
Jan				51	51
Feb				56	56
Mar	1			45	46
Apr		2	5	44	51
May		1	10	56	67
Jun			10	28	38
Jul			6	37	43
Aug		2	5	34	41
Sep			3	53	56
Oct		4	6	39	49
Nov		2	8	45	55
Dec			8	32	40
2025					
Jan			7	61	68
Feb			6	50	56
Mar		1	4	44	49
Apr		2	12	36	50
May		1	11	42	54
Jun			3	36	39
Jul		1	9	28	38
Aug			3	37	40
Sep	1	3	4	33	41
Total	2	19	120	887	1028

A filter was then applied to the above to identify those records where at least one of the terms listed is present within the MO free text.

Keywords:

- AI
- artificial intelligence
- deep fake
- deepfake

I can confirm that a total of 4 records were identified.
No further breakdown will be provided;

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

With regards to the disclosure of this information, the following exemption applies:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 40(2) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act unless there is a strong public interest. The disclosure of any information which could lead to the identification of an individual would breach the Data Protection Principles contained within the Data Protection Act 2018, namely the first principle which states that personal data shall be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals.

This exemption is absolute and class based therefore I am not required to apply either the public interest test or harm test in disclosure.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this part of your request.

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 –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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