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Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_26\_0012**

On 06/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Could you tell me how many reports / cases / people the force area has dealt with since June 2025 regarding the creation of, or requesting the creation of, purported intimate images of an adult, also known as explicit "deepfakes", under the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025? If you could break this information down by stage and outcome, ie how many incidents were reported, how many people were questioned, cautioned, arrested, charged etc. And also if the information exists at this early stage in the law, how many charges resulted in a guilty verdict.

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

Following clarification of information that Gloucestershire Constabulary can provide, you confirmed that the searches listed below would be suitable –

A search of the Crime Recording System has been conducted to identify the number of substantiated crimes recorded between 01/06/2025 and 05/01/2026 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

This has returned a total of 344 records. The result have been broken down by offence, outcome and month/year in the table below

With regards to the outcome, please note that the Constabulary holds data in relation to the number of individuals charged/summoned for a particular offence, but not the ultimate outcome such as a guilty/not guilty verdict. This depends on what happens at court. This information comes from the court results which do not come within our systems. Hence we record the detection disposals for each case but do not have the ultimate conviction data.

| Offence / Outcome                                                                           | Month / Year |        |        |        |        |        |        |        | Total |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
|                                                                                             | Jun-25       | Jul-25 | Aug-25 | Sep-25 | Oct-25 | Nov-25 | Dec-25 | Jan-26 |       |
| 008/71 - Disclose private sexual photos/films w.i. to cause distress                        |              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Action undertaken by another body/agency                                                    |              |        |        | 1      |        |        |        |        | 1     |
| Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)                        |              |        |        |        |        |        | 1      |        | 1     |
| Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)                                    |              |        |        | 2      | 1      |        |        |        | 3     |
| 086/02 - Take/make indecent photo of children                                               |              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Action undertaken by another body/agency                                                    | 3            |        | 1      |        | 2      |        | 1      |        | 7     |
| Charged/Summonsed                                                                           |              |        | 3      | 1      | 2      | 1      |        |        | 7     |
| Diversionary                                                                                | 6            | 2      | 5      | 9      | 6      | 5      | 4      |        | 37    |
| Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)                        | 7            | 6      | 5      | 5      | 7      | 5      | 3      |        | 38    |
| Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)                                    | 5            | 2      | 4      | 6      | 3      | 5      | 7      | 2      | 34    |
| Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest (police decision) | 7            | 6      | 6      | 9      | 15     | 7      | 3      |        | 53    |
| Investigation complete - no suspect identified                                              | 2            | 1      | 2      | 1      | 8      | 3      | 2      | 1      | 20    |
| Investigation ongoing                                                                       | 5            | 7      | 10     | 6      | 14     | 14     | 27     | 3      | 86    |
| Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest                                         |              | 1      |        |        |        |        |        |        | 1     |
| 088/15 - Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                        |              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)                        | 1            | 3      | 1      | 1      | 2      |        |        |        | 8     |
| Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)                                    | 1            | 5      | 1      | 1      | 4      | 2      | 3      |        | 17    |

|                                                                                             |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |          |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest (police decision) |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |          | 1          |
| Investigation complete - no suspect identified                                              | 1         | 1         |           | 3         | 3         | 3         |           |          | 11         |
| Investigation ongoing                                                                       |           |           | 1         |           | 1         | 4         | 4         |          | 10         |
| <b>175/08 - Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent</b>        |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |          |            |
| Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)                        |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |          | 1          |
| Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)                                    |           |           |           | 1         |           |           | 2         |          | 3          |
| Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest (police decision) |           | 1         |           | 2         |           |           |           |          | 3          |
| Investigation complete - no suspect identified                                              |           |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |          | 1          |
| Investigation ongoing                                                                       |           |           |           | 1         |           |           |           |          | 1          |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                | <b>38</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>344</b> |

A filter was then applied to the results to identify the records where the MO free text contains the terms “deepfake” or “AI”.

As “AI” is also contained within the make-up of every day words, such as “complaint”, “complainer”, or “said”, a manual review has been carried out to identify the relevant records. Please see the table below for the results.

| Offence / Outcome                                                    | Month/Year |        |        |        |        |        |        | Total |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
|                                                                      | Jun-25     | Jul-25 | Aug-25 | Sep-25 | Oct-25 | Nov-25 | Dec-25 |       |
| 086/02 - Take/make indecent photo of children                        |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)             |            |        |        |        |        |        | 1      | 1     |
| Investigation complete - no suspect identified                       |            |        |        |        | 3      | 1      |        | 4     |
| 088/15 - Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film |            |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |
| Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)             |            |        |        |        |        |        | 1      | 1     |
| Investigation complete - no suspect identified                       |            |        |        |        |        | 1      |        | 1     |
| Total                                                                |            |        |        |        | 3      | 2      | 2      | 7     |

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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post –

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Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely,

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