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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0437

On 06/05/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I submit the following request to you.

1. I am seeking information on the number of cases recorded by your force in the past 12 months (30/04/2025 – 30/04/2026) that include reference to, or investigation involving 'Deepfake' or 'Synthetic media' or 'AI Generated media' in general.
2. In addition, if possible, I would like to understand this figure as a proportion of the case volume of your unit over the same period (for example, X% of cases included mention such media)
3. I do not require any information on the nature of individual cases or any personal/sensitive data. However, if this information is held, it would be helpful to understand how the presence of this type of media was first identified.

For example:

- reported initially by a member of the public or complainant (i.e. at first contact),
- identified by police officers or staff during the course of an investigation, or
- introduced by a third party (for example during court proceedings, by the CPS, or via expert evidence).

If such a breakdown is recorded, I would be grateful for any information you are able to provide. If a full breakdown is not available, any partial information would be greatly appreciated.

If my request exceeds cost or time limits, I would be grateful for any advice on how it might be refined.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your reply.

Request 2

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, I submit the following request to you.

1. I am seeking information on the number of cases recorded by your force in the past 12 months (06/05/2025 – 06/05/2026) that include reference to, or investigation involving 'Deepfake' or 'Synthetic media' or 'AI Generated media' in general.
2. In addition, if possible, I would like to understand this figure as a proportion of the case volume of your unit over the same period (for example, X% of cases included mention such media)
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Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording database for crimes committed from 30/04/2025 – 06/05/2026 which include the following key words in the MO free text:

- Deepfake
- Synthetic media
- AI Generated media

In response to your questions, 1 crime record was returned which contained the key word "deepfake". No other records were returned following searches for what you requested. This crime falls into both time ranges received; November 2025.

For the date range of 30/04/2025 – 30/04/2026, we recorded 58,692 crimes and the 1 crime which contains the word "deepfake" represents 0.0017%.

For the date range of 06/05/2025 – 06/05/2026, we recorded 53,702 crimes and the 1 crime which contains the word “deepfake” represents 0.0018%.

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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