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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0712

On 27/07/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information concerning recorded crimes involving AI-generated or AI-manipulated sexual images of children.

Please search the free-text summary, modus operandi or occurrence-description fields of crimes recorded under offences concerning indecent or prohibited images of children for the following terms:

- “artificial intelligence”
- “AI-generated”
- “AI generated”
- “deepfake”
- “deep fake”
- “nudify”
- “nudified”
- “synthetic image”

For each of the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025, and for the period 1 January to 27 July 2026, please provide:

1. The number of recorded crimes returned by this search. Please count any record containing more than one of the listed search terms only once.
2. For the ten most recently recorded cases returned by the search, please provide:
 - o The date the offence was recorded
 - o The recorded offence classification
 - o The investigation outcome
 - o The existing crime-summary, modus-operandi or occurrence-description text, with personal or identifying information redacted

I am not requesting copies or detailed descriptions of the images themselves, personal information, or anything capable of identifying a victim, suspect or other individual.

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording database for offences recorded from 01/01/2023 to 27/07/2026 in which any of the following terms appeared in the MO free text crime reports:

- "artificial intelligence"
- "AI-generated"
- "AI generated"
- "deepfake"
- "deep fake"
- "nudify"
- "nudified"
- "synthetic image"

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.

The relevant and recorded information retrieved can be found below.

Q1 – 17 crimes were retrieved in total. 6 crimes specifically were recorded with the classification "take/make indecent photo of children".

HO Classification	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Blackmail			1	1	2
Malicious communications		1		1	2
Put people in fear of violence			2		2
Send communication threatening death or serious harm			1	2	3
Sending photograph etc or film of genitals				1	1
Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film			1		1
Take/make indecent photo of children	1	1	2	2	6
Total	1	2	7	7	17

Q2

As the number of crimes retrieved is low, and fewer than the 10 you requested, the following aggregate of crime by year is shared to avoid potentially identifying any individuals:

2023 – 1 crime
2024 – 1 crime
2025 – 2 crimes
2026 – 2 crimes

All crimes were classed under 'take/make indecent photos of children'. The other cases were manually reviewed and there was no information held which suggested that they should be included as information being disclosed in response to the questions you asked.

The redacted MO free text of the 6 crimes has been attached to this letter.

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 regard to the disclosure of information in the MO free text that could identify an individual, 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
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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