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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012243/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm researching the prevalence of incidents and crimes linked to 'deep fake' imagery.

I'd be grateful if you could disclose the following, in an Excel spreadsheet where possible and broken down for each year between February 2019 and February 2024:

- 1. The number of incidents and crimes recorded by the force that had 'deepfake' or 'deep fake' mentioned in the notes (please do not combine the number of incidents and crimes).*
- 2. The offence descriptions for each of those recorded incidents or crimes*
- 3. The outcomes associated with each of the incidents or crimes disclosed*
- 4. The associated notes for each of the crimes or incidents, if they can be disclosed within the cost and time limits (I understand there may be a need for the redaction of identifying details).*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

- Crime Data Caveats

- This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/02/2019 and 29/02/2024, , where the crime description or crime MO description contains “deep fake” or “deepfake”, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
 - The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
 - The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.
- Incident Data Caveats
 - This data contains Incidents with a created date between 01/02/2019 and 29/02/2024, where the title, details, or contact comments contains “deep fake” or “deepfake”, excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training.
 - The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
 - The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.
 - Part 3 of the request cannot be answered for the incident data as incidents do not have outcomes.

Question 1.

- The number of incidents recorded is 6.
- The number of crimes recorded is 3.

Question 2.

Crimes: -

- Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety. X2
- Take/ make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children.

Incidents: -

- Malicious / Nuisance Communications.
- Contact Record / Message / Information. X3
- S136 Mental Health Act.
- Other Crime.

Question 3.

Crimes: -

- No suspect identified. X2
- Charged/Summoned

Incidents: -

- No outcomes are provided for incidents.

Question 4.

Where redaction occurs (shown by XXX) within the descriptions, this relates to Section 40(2) Personal Information, this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018, and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Crimes
offender contacts a/p XXX will pay XXX for photos.. offender became aggressive stating XXX would make deep fakes
Victim XXX received a deep fake nude image. XXX
Suspect used 'DeepFake' software t XXX

Incidents
I received a deepfake nude image XXX
XXX individuals posting the deep fakes online.
I think it's all deepfake porn
I received a deepfake nude image XXX