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Our ref: 01/FOI/24/013382/M

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013382/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. Between 31st January 2024 and 30th September 2024, how many reports did your police force receive alleging the offence in Section 66B of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 of sharing a photograph or film which appears to show another person in an intimate state without consent, commonly known as 'fake porn' or 'deepfake porn.' Such images have been digitally manipulated to look like someone else without their consent. Please only include reports of 'deepfake porn' or 'fake porn' where an image has been digitally altered to make it sexually explicit and NOT other intimate image abuse offences. Please can you tell me:

- 1. The number of alleged offences.*
- 2. The number of alleged victims.*
- 3. The sex and age of victim(s). Where you are unable to provide exact age please state whether the alleged victim is over 18 years of age or under 18 years of age.*
- 4. The number of perpetrators.*

2. Between 31st January 2024 and 30th September 2024, how many times did your police force charge someone under Section 66B of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 of sharing a photograph or film which appears to show another person in an intimate state without consent, commonly known as 'fake porn' or 'deepfake porn.' Such images have been digitally manipulated to look like someone else without their consent. Please only include cases of 'deepfake porn' or 'fake porn' where an image has been digitally altered to make it sexually explicit and NOT other intimate image abuse offences. Please can you tell me:

- 1. The number of alleged offences.*
- 2. The number of alleged victims.*
- 3. The sex and age of victim(s). Where you are unable to provide exact age please state whether the alleged victim is over 18 years of age or under 18 years of age.*
- 4. The number of perpetrators.*

*For clarity and to help you locate the information, I am asking for reports/charges under the following law, Section 66B, Sexual Offences Act 2003:
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/section/66B>*

I made a similar request earlier this year but have amended it in order to make it clearer and capture 3 more months worth of data.

If information is covered by any exemption, please disclose such information that is not covered by the exemptions. I am sure you will agree that these matters are of the utmost public interest. The aforementioned law criminalising the sharing of digitally altered, sexually explicit images commonly known as 'deepfake' or 'fake porn' only came into force in January 2024 and it is in the public interest to see what impact it is having. If you require any further information please let me know.

Result of Searches

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

CAVEATS

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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

A search was conducted on the Home Office Crime Code 008/71 (Disclose or Threats to Disclose Private Sexual Photographs or Films) for offences recorded between 01/01/2024 and 30/09/2024 inclusive. A key-word search was then conducted on the 'MO Description' and 'Crime Description' fields, including the words 'Deep Fake', 'Deep-Fake', 'Deepfake', and 'Fake Porn'.

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 2. 0
 3. N/A
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 2. 0
 3. N/A
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