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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014044/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *How many cases involving AI-generated CSAM have you encountered in the past year?*
2. *what percentage of your total CSAM cases does this represent?*
3. *Has the use of AI by perpetrators made it more challenging to identify victims?*
4. *Has using AI by perpetrators impacted the investigation, prosecution, and conviction rates of CSAM cases?*
5. *What percentage of AI-generated CSAM cases are successfully detected compared to non-AI-generated cases?*
6. *What is your annual budget allocated for AI tools to combat AI-driven CSAM?*
7. *Has the criminal use of AI necessitated any changes in resource allocation or staff deployment within your force?*
8. *Are you collaborating with external technology companies to develop countermeasures against AI-generated CSAM?*
9. *If so, could you share the names of the companies involved?*
10. *Have additional training programs been implemented to help officers understand and combat AI-generated CSAM?*

Result of Searches

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in question 1 would involve a manual search each CSAM investigation conducted by the Digital Forensic Investigation Unit (DFIU) and analyse the forensic practitioners' contemporaneous notes. Additionally, over the past twelve months, we have utilised two case management systems, requiring us to review both. The DFIU handles over 1,500 investigations annually. I estimate that it would take 10-20 minutes per case to review, depending on the complexity and detail. At a very conservative estimate of 20 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 500 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk