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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014376/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Dear FOI officer I am writing to make a request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Could you please supply me with the following information concerning sexually exploitative deepfakes, as outlined below.

1) From October 2023 to December 2024, how many people have been charged, prosecuted and convicted under the Online Safety Act 2023 for sharing or threatening to share AI generated sexually exploitative deepfakes.

2) How many investigations into misuse of Sexually Exploitative deepfakes were there between the months of October 2023 to December 2024

3) What is the current conviction rate involving sexually exploitative deepfakes under the Online Safety Act 2023

4) What were the punishments given to those who were convicted for their misuse of deepfake technology under the Online Safety Act 2024

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.

Caveats:

1. The crime totals are for the period 01/10/2023-31/12/2024.

2. The month relates to when the crime was committed and not when the crime was created.
3. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
4. The report has been filtered to crimes with a 'DA' (Domestic Abuse) Flag for the first data set & then the keywords 'deepfake' & 'deep fake' were searched in the MO & Crime Description field.
5. For the second & third set of figures all Rape, Other Sexual Offences & Stalking & Harassment figures were included & then the keywords 'deepfake' & 'deep fake' were searched in the MO & Crime Description field.
6. For any results returned the outcome has been entered in the second table.

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.

Question 1 – Total of zero charges returned from the above searches.

GMP do not hold prosecution and conviction data. For this information you will need to direct your request to His Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service (HMCTS).

Question 2 – There is a total of 7 crimes returned from the above searches.

Question 3 & 4 – GMP do not hold prosecution and conviction data. For this information you will need to direct your request to His Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service (HMCTS).