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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014895/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the number of recorded crimes or incidents from 1 January 2024 to the present in which the following keywords appear in incident summaries, crime reports, or investigation notes:

“deepfake” OR “AI-generated” OR “synthetic media” OR “fake nude” OR “fake video”

Please provide:

- 1. The number of such incidents, broken down by month, where the suspect or perpetrator was under 18 at the time of the offence.***
- 2. Where available, the associated offence type or classification, e.g. harassment, sexual offence, malicious communications, etc.***

I will accept a nil return if no such cases were recorded.

If any aspect of the request exceeds time or cost limits, please advise on how it may be refined.

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:

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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01 Jan 2024 and 05 Jun 2025 where the crime description or crime MO description contains ‘deepfake’, ‘AI-generated’, ‘synthetic media’, ‘fake nude’ or ‘fake video’, and the offender is below the age of 18, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified

as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB. Please note:

- 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.

This data contains incidents with a created date between 01 Jan 2024 and 05 Jun 2025 where the title, details or contact comments contains 'deepfake', 'AI-generated', 'synthetic media', 'fake nude' or 'fake video', excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training. Please note:

- 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.

Due to low numbers returned per month, the totals have been merged as by providing all this information split by month as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

Question 1 – Total 14

Question 2 – There is 1 crime. This is recorded as Miscellaneous crimes against society.