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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017314/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information concerning recorded crimes involving AI-generated or AI-manipulated sexual images of children.

Please search the free-text summary, modus operandi or occurrence-description fields of crimes recorded under offences concerning indecent or prohibited images of children for the following terms:

- ***“artificial intelligence”***
- ***“AI-generated”***
- ***“AI generated”***
- ***“deepfake”***
- ***“deep fake”***
- ***“nudify”***
- ***“nudified”***
- ***“synthetic image”***

For each of the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025, and for the period 1 January to 27 July 2026, please provide:

- 1. The number of recorded crimes returned by this search. Please count any record containing more than one of the listed search terms only once.***
- 2. For the ten most recently recorded cases returned by the search, please provide:***
 - o The date the offence was recorded***
 - o The recorded offence classification***

- o *The investigation outcome*
- o *The existing crime-summary, modus-operandi or occurrence-description text, with personal or identifying information redacted*

I am not requesting copies or detailed descriptions of the images themselves, personal information, or anything capable of identifying a victim, suspect or other individual.

Result of Searches

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

Caveats:

1. The above data is all recorded crimes from 01/01/2023 to 27/07/2026 (Displayed by Year)-using HO codes, 086/01, 086/02, 086/10, 086/11, 086/12, 086/13, 086/14, 086/15, 086/16, 086/17, 088/06, 088/15, with Child Protection flag selected and MO searched using "artificial intelligence", "AI-generated", "AI generated", "deepfake", "deep fake", "nudify", "nudified" and "synthetic image"
2. Duplicates are removed where possible
3. Manual review of all MO's to remove any that do not match the request

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

Year	Total Recorded Crimes
2023	0
2024	3
2025	12
2026 – 27 th July	15

Question 2

The exact date of the offence has been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Offence Classification	Total
Take/ make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children	10

Outcome	Total
Prosecution prevented or not in public interest	3
Suspect not identified, victim not supporting	1
Suspect identified, insufficient evidence (Police)	1
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	1
Suspect Status (15D,15E,98,99B)	1

Ongoing	3
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Where redaction occurs within the below crime summary (shown as XXX), 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.

Crime Summary
XXX THE OFFENDER THEN MAINUPLATED THE IMAGE XXX
XXX They've told them they will share a nude picture they have of them. It is an AI generate image.
XXX, GENERATED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, THE OFFENDERS THEN PROCEEDED TO THREATEN THE VICTIM, XXX
Making/distributing of indecent content XXX that XXX has a made AI generated videos of "pornographic material" of XXX, XXX.
XXX offender has made an AI generated nude image of A/P who is threatening to distribute it on social media
XXX SOMEONE XXX HAS AI GENERATED THIS TO SOMETHING 'INAPPROPRIATE' - XXXX
XXX person sent this AI generated picture of undressed XXX, XXX suspect send AI image of a naked XXX.
AI-Generated XXX AI image has been created and circulated around XXX. The victim has confirmed that it is an AI generated image.
XXX AI DEEPPFAKE NUDE IMAGE HAS BEEN CREATED OF THEM AND SHARED – XXX.
XXX, HAS BEEN SEEN TO HAVE HAD CREATED WITH THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INDECENT IMAGES XXX.