

Date: 30/06/2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/016993/N

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016993/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am requesting recorded information held by your force concerning investigations involving AI-generated evidence, deepfakes, synthetic media, voice cloning, and manipulated digital evidence.

Please provide the following information for each calendar year from 1 January 2022 to the date of this request:

***1. The number of recorded crimes, incidents, investigations, or intelligence reports in which the following terms appear in searchable records:
"deepfake"; "deep fake"; "AI-generated"; "synthetic media"; "generative AI"; "voice clone"; "voice cloning"; "AI-created"; "manipulated video"; "manipulated audio"; "manipulated image".***

If available within the cost limit, please break the figures in question 1 down by:

***a) year;
b) offence type or crime category;
c) whether the relevant material was audio, video, image, screenshot, message, or other digital media.***

2. Please provide any guidance, policy, training material, or operational advice issued to officers or staff since 1 January 2022 concerning the handling, preservation, verification, disclosure, or investigation of digital evidence suspected to be AI-generated, deepfaked, voice-cloned, synthetically manipulated, or otherwise altered.

3. *Please confirm whether your force has any specific flag, marker, keyword, category, or recording practice for cases involving AI-generated evidence, deepfakes, synthetic media, voice cloning, or alleged digital manipulation.*

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 some of 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 01/01/2022 and 31/05/2026 where the crime description or crime MO description contains the following keywords, 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.
 - Deepfake
 - Deep fake
 - AI-generated
 - Synthetic media
 - Generative AI
 - Voice clone
 - Voice cloning
 - AI-created
 - Manipulated video
 - Manipulated audio
 - Manipulated image
- 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.
 - The crime description or crime MO description may contain sensitive information and should be redacted before the data is released to the requester.
 - The crime reference number has been left in for manual review purposes but will need to be removed before sending to the requester.

Question 1.

The number of records located are 46.

For the breakdowns requested in part 1 A and B, please see the table below. For part 1c, following a review, we detected 31 records that relate to Images, and 11 relate to ***other digital media***. 4 records could not be determined from a review of the MO.

Year	Total	Crime Tree L4	Total
------	-------	---------------	-------

2025	17	Miscellaneous crimes against society	8
2024	12	Other sexual offences	9
2026	15	All other theft offences	9
2022	1	Stalking and harassment	18
2023	1	Public order offences	2

Question 2.
GMP do not hold any specific policy tailored to this question.

Question 3.
No information held.