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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016833/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Email 1 - FOI Request 30.04.2026

1. *I am seeking information on the number of cases recorded by your force in the past 12 months (30/04/2025 – 30/04/2026) that include reference to, or investigation involving 'Deepfake' or 'Synthetic media' or 'AI Generated media' in general.*
2. *In addition, if possible, I would like to understand this figure as a proportion of the case volume of your unit over the same period (for example, X% of cases included mention such media)*
3. *I do not require any information on the nature of individual cases or any personal/sensitive data. However, if this information is held, it would be helpful to understand how the presence of this type of media was first identified. For example:*
 - a. *reported initially by a member of the public or complainant (i.e. at first contact),*
 - b. *identified by police officers or staff during the course of an investigation, or*
 - c. *introduced by a third party (for example during court proceedings, by the CPS, or via expert evidence).*

If such a breakdown is recorded, I would be grateful for any information you are able to provide. If a full breakdown is not available, any partial information would be greatly appreciated.

Email 2 - FOI Request 06.05.2026

1. *I am seeking information on the number of cases recorded by your force in the past 12 months (06/05/2025 – 06/05/2026) that include reference to, or investigation involving 'Deepfake' or 'Synthetic media' or 'AI Generated media' in general.*

2. *In addition, if possible, I would like to understand this figure as a proportion of the case volume of your unit over the same period (for example, X% of cases included mention such media)*
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Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that some of the information you have 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 30/04/2025 and 06/05/2026 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'deepfake', 'synthetic media' or 'ai generated media', 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.

The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.

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Question	Deepfake	Total
30.04	8	312,641
06.05	8	312,362

2. This information is not held by GMP. We do not hold this percentage as recorded information. We have provided the total number of crimes recorded in the response to question 1 so that you can calculate a percentage.
3. Of the 8 crimes identified, all were reported at first contact.