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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016096/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Could you tell me how many reports / cases / people the force area has dealt with since June 2025 regarding the creation of, or requesting the creation of, purported intimate images of an adult, also known as explicit "deepfakes", under the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025? If you could break this information down by stage and outcome, ie how many incidents were reported, how many people were questioned, cautioned, arrested, charged etc. And also if the information exists at this early stage in the law, how many charges resulted in a guilty verdict.

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.

A search was conducted of our recording system using the HO Code 088/15 'Threaten to share intimate photograph or film/ Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm/ distress or humiliation or for sexual gratification' with a keyword search of the MO Description using 'deepfakes', 'deep fakes', 'AI', 'fake' and 'AI Generated'. This search returned **2 crimes**.

Due to the low numbers returned, the further breakdown requested has been exempt 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.