

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXX – Via email



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Date: 12th July 2024

Our ref: 2024-651

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11th July 2024 regarding fake and deepfake porn.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by Team Performance at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. Between 1st February 2024 and 30th June 2024, how many reports did your police force receive alleging the offence of sharing explicit images or videos that have been digitally manipulated to look like someone else without their consent, commonly known as 'fake porn' or 'deepfake porn' (covered by the Online Safety Act 2023). Please include the number of alleged offences reported as well as the number of individuals i.e., if there were multiple reported offences against one individual.

2. Between 1st February 2024 and 30th June 2024, how many times did your police force charge someone under the Online Safety Act with the offence of sharing explicit images or videos that have been digitally manipulated to look like someone else without their consent, commonly known as 'deepfake porn' although that term is not in the legislation. Please include the number of charges as well as the number of individuals i.e., if one individual was charged with multiple offences.

Our response:

No information held.

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Please note, there is not a specific offence for the sharing of fake or deepfake porn, however any incidents would come under the offence "blackmail". A search has been conducted of blackmail occurrences within the given time frame, and no incidents relevant to this request were located.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker