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Our ref: 2024-665

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th July 2024 regarding 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:

Re. This FOI submitted last week. For clarity and to help you locate the information, I am asking for charges under the following law, Section 66B, sexual offences Act:

66B Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film

(1) A person (A) commits an offence if—

(a) A intentionally shares a photograph or film which shows, or appears to show, another person (B) in an intimate state,

(b) B does not consent to the sharing of the photograph or film, and

(c) A does not reasonably believe that B consents.

Full legislation is here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/section/66B>

Original request wording:

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 Keeping Wiltshire Safe

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:

1. There were 51 offences under section 66B within the requested time frame and of these, 1 has been deemed relevant to matters where there was digital manipulation / 'deepfake porn'. There was no known suspect listed for this crime.

Please note, I have reviewed the occurrence logs for all 51 incidents to determine the amount that would relate to this request; however, this is subjective and may not be accurate since there is no specific offence for 'digitally sharing explicit images or videos that have been digitally manipulated to look like someone else without their consent'.

2. 0 (zero)

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