

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXX – Via email



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Date: 28th October 2024

Our ref: 2024-878

Reply contact name:

Dear XXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 3rd October 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:

1. Between 31st January 2024 and 30th September 2024, how many reports did your police force receive alleging the offence in Section 66B of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 of sharing a photograph or film which appears to show another person in an intimate state without consent, commonly known as 'fake porn' or 'deepfake porn.' Such images have been digitally manipulated to look like someone else without their consent. Please only include reports of 'deepfake porn' or 'fake porn' where an image has been digitally altered to make it sexually explicit and NOT other intimate image abuse offences. Please can you tell me:

1. The number of alleged offences.
2. The number of alleged victims.
3. The sex and age of victim(s). Where you are unable to provide exact age, please state whether the alleged victim is over 18 years of age or under 18 years of age.
4. The number of perpetrators.

2. Between 31st January 2024 and 30th September 2024, how many times did your police force charge someone under Section 66B of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 of sharing a
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photograph or film which appears to show another person in an intimate state without consent, commonly known as 'fake porn' or 'deepfake porn.' Such images have been digitally manipulated to look like someone else without their consent. Please only include cases of 'deepfake porn' or 'fake porn' where an image has been digitally altered to make it sexually explicit and NOT other intimate image abuse offences. Please can you tell me:

5. The number of alleged offences.
6. The number of alleged victims.
7. The sex and age of victim(s). Where you are unable to provide exact age, please state whether the alleged victim is over 18 years of age or under 18 years of age.
8. The number of perpetrators.

For clarity and to help you locate the information, I am asking for reports/charges under the following law, Section 66B, Sexual Offences Act 2003:
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/42/section/66B>

I made a similar request earlier this year but have amended it in order to make it clearer and capture 3 more months' worth of data.

Our response:

1. 1 offence, 1 victim, female, under 18, 0 (zero) perpetrators
2. 0 (zero)

Please note, I have reviewed the occurrence logs for all incidents under Section 66B of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 within the requested time frame 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'.

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