

WILTSHIRE POLICE



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By Email



Police Headquarters
London Road
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Date: 30/07/25

Our ref: FOI 2025/701

Reply contact name: XXXXX XXXXX

Dear XXXXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/07/25 concerning Artificial Intelligence/Deepfake and Sexual Offences.

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.

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

You wrote:

Please can you provide me with the total number of offences recorded by police, broken down by month, since January 2024, of the following offences below. I'm specifically interested in those offences below relating to artificial intelligence usage, so I would like a breakdown to only include those offences which mention "AI", "artificial intelligence" or "deep fake" or "deepfake" in the crime MO notes – NB: if the force already has its own AI flag, please use that instead of the keyword search.

For each month since and including January 2023, up to the latest month available, could I have the AI-related offences (as classified using the above search terms):

- 1. Under Section 66b The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (the offence of sharing or threatening to share an intimate photograph or film of, or appearing to be of, someone - colloquially known as 'revenge pornography' – see college of policing guidance here: <https://www.college.police.uk/guidance/sharing-photographs-of-people-intimate-state>)*
- 2. Under Section 66 E-F The Sexual Offences Act 2003 (the offence of creating purported intimate image of adult or Requesting the creation of purported intimate image of adult - basically the creation of revenge pornography)*

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3. Under Section 1a Protection of Children Act 1978 (creating sexually explicit images / pseudo images of a child)
4. Under Section 1b Protection of Children Act 1978 (to distribute or show such indecent photographs)
5. Under Section 1c Protection of Children Act 1978 (to possess such indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs)

Results:

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As below.

4. Under Section 1b Protection of Children Act 1978 (to distribute or show such indecent photographs)

As below.

5. Under Section 1c Protection of Children Act 1978 (to possess such indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs)

For questions 3-5- X1 occurrence in March 2025 under Home Office Code 86/2: Take/ make/ distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children.

Please be aware, the information you require has been found by undertaking a "wildcard" or keyword search of our systems. It should be noted that we are only able to undertake such searches on the abbreviated summary description of an offence (which is limited to some 200 characters) and NOT the full narrative of the crime log. If the mention of AI or Deep Fake etc is made in the crime log but not in the summary description of an offence (for instance), it will not be found in search results run using this method. The only way to ascertain for certain the information you require would be to manually locate and read each individual crime log to see if it met your criteria or not.

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This would almost certainly then invoke a Section 12 exemption due to the time/cost involved in undertaking that exercise. It may well be that the information we are providing is understated for the reasons described.

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

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN



Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original FoI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

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On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>