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Dear

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 831/24 Deepfake Porn**

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 16<sup>th</sup> September. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *For each of the months February, March, April, May, June, July and August 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)?*
2. *Given there could be multiple reports about one individual, I am also asking the following question. For each of the months February, March, April, May, June, July and August 2024, how many individuals did your police force receive allegations about relating to 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)*
3. *For each of the months February, March, April, May, June, July and August 2024, how many people were charged 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 'fake porn' or 'deepfake porn'?*
4. *Given one individual could be charged with multiple offences, I am also asking the following question. For each of the months February, March, April, May, June, July and August 2024, how many charges were made by your police force under the Online Safety Act of 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'?*
5. *Among the reports of victims of 'deepfake porn' for each of the months February, March, April, May, June, July and August 2024, how many were under the age of 18?*
6. *Among the reports of victims of 'deepfake porn' for each of the months February, March, April, May, June, July and August 2024, how many were under the age of 10?*
7. *For each of the months August, September, October, November and December 2023 and January and February 2024, how many reports did your police force receive alleging the offence of deepfake sexual abuse under other legislation (before the Online Safety Act 2023 came into force) – e.g. communication offences or harassment legislation?*
8. *Given there could be multiple reports about one individual, I am also asking the following question. For each of the months August, September, October, November and December 2023 and January and February 2024, how many individuals did your*



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*police force receive allegations about relating to the offence of deepfake sexual abuse under other legislation (before the Online Safety Act 2023 came into force)?*

9. *For each of the months August, September, October, November and December 2023 and January and February 2024, how many people were charged with the offence of deepfake sexual abuse under other legislation (before the Online Safety Act 2023 came into force)?*
10. *Given one individual could be charged with multiple offences, I am also asking the following question. For each of the months August, September, October, November and December 2023 and January and February 2024, how many charges were made by your police force of the offence of deepfake sexual abuse under other legislation (before the Online Safety Act 2023 came into force)?*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system. The offence sub class codes 088/15, 175/08 and 086/02 have been used when searching within the date parameters requested. Please note that for the second part of the request which is concerned with information before the Online Safety Act 2023 came into force a key word search has been used across all offences. It should be noted that a keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary.

#### Question 1-

| Month  | Reports |
|--------|---------|
| Feb-24 | 0       |
| Mar-24 | 0       |
| Apr-24 | 0       |
| May-24 | 0       |
| Jun-24 | 1       |
| Jul-24 | 0       |
| Aug-24 | 0       |

#### Question 2-

| Month  | Individuals |
|--------|-------------|
| Feb-24 | 0           |
| Mar-24 | 0           |
| Apr-24 | 0           |
| May-24 | 0           |
| Jun-24 | 1           |
| Jul-24 | 0           |
| Aug-24 | 0           |

#### Question 3-



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| Month  | Charges<br>(individuals) |
|--------|--------------------------|
| Feb-24 | 0                        |
| Mar-24 | 0                        |
| Apr-24 | 0                        |
| May-24 | 0                        |
| Jun-24 | 0                        |
| Jul-24 | 0                        |
| Aug-24 | 0                        |

Question 4-

| Month  | Charges (total) |
|--------|-----------------|
| Feb-24 | 0               |
| Mar-24 | 0               |
| Apr-24 | 0               |
| May-24 | 0               |
| Jun-24 | 0               |
| Jul-24 | 0               |
| Aug-24 | 0               |

Question 5-

| Month  | Under 18 |
|--------|----------|
| Feb-24 | 0        |
| Mar-24 | 0        |
| Apr-24 | 0        |
| May-24 | 0        |
| Jun-24 | 0        |
| Jul-24 | 0        |
| Aug-24 | 0        |

Question 6-

| Month  | Under 10 |
|--------|----------|
| Feb-24 | 0        |
| Mar-24 | 0        |
| Apr-24 | 0        |
| May-24 | 0        |
| Jun-24 | 0        |
| Jul-24 | 0        |
| Aug-24 | 0        |

Question 7-



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| Month  | Reports |
|--------|---------|
| Aug-23 | 1       |
| Sep-23 | 0       |
| Oct-23 | 0       |
| Nov-23 | 0       |
| Dec-23 | 0       |
| Jan-24 | 0       |
| Feb-24 | 0       |

Question 8-

| Month  | Individuals |
|--------|-------------|
| Aug-23 | 1           |
| Sep-23 | 0           |
| Oct-23 | 0           |
| Nov-23 | 0           |
| Dec-23 | 0           |
| Jan-24 | 0           |
| Feb-24 | 0           |

Question 9-

| Month  | Charges (individuals) |
|--------|-----------------------|
| Aug-23 | 0                     |
| Sep-23 | 0                     |
| Oct-23 | 0                     |
| Nov-23 | 0                     |
| Dec-23 | 0                     |
| Jan-24 | 0                     |
| Feb-24 | 0                     |

Question 10-

| Month  | Charges (total) |
|--------|-----------------|
| Feb-24 | 0               |
| Mar-24 | 0               |
| Apr-24 | 0               |
| May-24 | 0               |
| Jun-24 | 0               |
| Jul-24 | 0               |
| Aug-24 | 0               |



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Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

### Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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