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**NORTH WALES**  
**POLICE**

Response Date:08/08/2024

**2024/681 - Charges for sharing of explicit images or videos that have been digitally manipulated**

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

- 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. Calendar Year | HO Code | HO Description                                                                                                                                                                                 | Outcome                                                               |
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| 2024             | 008/71  | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress. Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | 16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified    |
| 2024             | 008/71  | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress. Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | 15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties |
| 2024             | 008/71  | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress. Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by                                | 15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties |

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|      |        | Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                     |
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| 2024 | 008/71 | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress. Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | 16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified  |
| 2024 | 008/71 | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress. Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | 21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest  |
| 2024 | 008/71 | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress. Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | Outcome Not Yet Assigned                                            |
| 2024 | 088/15 | Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                                                                                                                                    | 16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified  |
| 2024 | 008/71 | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress. Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | 14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender |
| 2024 | 008/71 | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress. Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by                                | 01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition                         |

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|      |        | Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                       |
| 2024 | 008/71 | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress. Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | Outcome Not Yet Assigned                                              |
| 2024 | 088/15 | Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                                                                                                                                    | Outcome Not Yet Assigned                                              |
| 2024 | 138/52 | Send false communication with intent to cause harm                                                                                                                                             | 14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender   |
| 2024 | 088/15 | Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                                                                                                                                    | 15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties |
| 2024 | 138/52 | Send false communication with intent to cause harm                                                                                                                                             | 18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified                      |
| 2024 | 088/15 | Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                                                                                                                                    | 18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified                      |
| 2024 | 088/15 | Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                                                                                                                                    | 15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties |
| 2024 | 088/15 | Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                                                                                                                                    | 15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties    |
| 2024 | 088/15 | Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                                                                                                                                    | 15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties |
| 2024 | 088/15 | Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                                                                                                                                    | 14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender   |
| 2024 | 088/15 | Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                                                                                                                                    | 15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties |
| 2024 | 088/15 | Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film                                                                                                                                    | 16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified    |

22 occurrences/individuals.

Please note: Data for Q1 contains a search using reported date, and will include crimes reported between 1st February 2024 and 30th June 2024 but not yet finalised.

3. 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.

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>

| Calendar Year | HO Code | HO Description                                                                                                                                                                                    | Status date | Outcome                                     |
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| 2021          | 008/71  | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress.<br>Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | May 2024    | 01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition |
| 2022          | 008/71  | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress.<br>Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | April 2024  | 01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition |

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| 2023 | 008/71 | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress.<br>Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | February 2024 | 01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition |
| 2024 | 008/71 | Disclose or threats to disclose private sexual photographs / film with intent to cause distress.<br>Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 Sec 33 (1) (9) amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Sec 69 | February 2024 | 01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition |

4 Occurrences/ 3 Offenders.

Q2 contains a search using status date and will include crimes reported before 01/02/2024 but with a 'status data' between 1st February 2024 and 30th June 2024.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 30/07/2024