



Response Date:26/01/2026

2026/010 - Deepfakes

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Could you tell me how many reports / cases / people the force area has dealt with since June 2025 regarding the creation of, or requesting the creation of, purported intimate images of an adult, also known as explicit "deepfakes", under the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025? If you could break this information down by stage and outcome, ie how many incidents were reported, how many people were questioned, cautioned, arrested, charged etc. And also if the information exists at this early stage in the law, how many charges resulted in a guilty verdict.

The offence of creating, or requesting the creation of, purported intimate image of adult) comes into force on 6th February 2026.

[The Data \(Use and Access\) Act 2025 \(Commencement No. 5\) Regulations 2026](#)

Below are all occurrences with "Deepfake" in the summary since June 2025.

HO Description	Summary	Outcome
Blackmail	Unknown offender has manipulated/deep faked an image of the I.P to make him look naked, the offender has then threatened to share the image online/to colleagues/friends and family etc unless he sends them £50.	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified
Harassment	CALLER REPORTING BEING HARASSED BY A FELLOW PUPIL, SHE HAS SHARED A DEEP FAKE IMAGE OF IP AND ALSO SENT THREATS	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 21/01/2026

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