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E-mail: <u>MDP-FOI-DP@mod.gov.uk</u> Our Ref: eCase: FOI 2024/01606 RFI: 028/24 Date: 27 February 2024

Dear

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: CRIMES THE MOD POLICE RECORDED WHICH CONCERN DEEPFAKES

We refer to your email dated 08 February 2024 to the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), which was acknowledged on 12 February 2024.

We are treating your email as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000).

In your email you requested the following information:

1. Please can you tell me how many crimes the force recorded in 2023 which concern deepfakes? I appreciate there is a large amount of material to search using this keyword, so please only look at crimes categorised under 'stalking and harassment', sexual offences or domestic abuse.

2. Please also share the outcomes of these recorded crimes in the easiest way possible.

3. Please repeat this search for the past 10 years, or, if that exceeds the FOIA cost limit, please go as far back as far as you can without breaking the cost limit, eg 5 years.

Please also note: I sent a similar (albeit different) request for information under the FOI Act on 8/2/2024. After some feedback, I believe the request detailed above is more achievable and works more closely with the ways that information is recorded so please do feel free to ignore the 8/2/2024 request and instead answer this one.

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that the MDP does hold information in scope of your request, as follows.

Question 1 = 0 crimes recorded concerning deepfakes for 2023 Question 2 = outcomes not applicable Question 3 = 0 crimes recorded concerning deepfakes for the past 10 years, outcomes not applicable.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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