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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:18/11/2026

2026/1194 - AI-generated intimate image abuse: reports, investigations and outcomes

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Please provide the following recorded information concerning alleged offences under sections 66E and 66F of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, relating to purported intimate images of adults.

The relevant period is 6 February 2026 to the date of this request.

Please provide the following information, broken down separately by month and by offence section (66E and 66F), where recorded and reasonably retrievable.

1. Reports
a. The number of reports received by your force concerning alleged offences under section 66E.
b. The number of reports received by your force concerning alleged offences under section 66F.

2. Investigations
a. The number of criminal investigations opened in connection with section 66E.
b. The number of criminal investigations opened in connection with section 66F.

3. Charges
a. The number of individuals charged with an offence under section 66E.
b. The number of individuals charged with an offence under section 66F.
c. The total number of charges brought under each section, if recorded separately from the number of individuals charged.

4. Case outcomes
For investigations relating to these offences, please provide the number of cases recorded under each of the following outcomes, where applicable and recorded:
a. No further action taken before charge.
b. Investigation ongoing or outcome pending.
c. One or more individuals charged.
d. Case discontinued or proceedings terminated after charge.
e. Closed for another recorded reason, specifying the reason where held.

Where recorded, please also provide the number of cases closed because the victim withdrew support or was unable or unwilling to support the investigation or prosecution.

Definitions and scope
The request concerns the offences introduced by section 138 of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025, which inserted sections 66E and 66F into the Sexual Offences Act 2003 and came into force on 6 February 2026.

The request concerns adult victims and purported intimate images, including AI-generated or digitally manipulated images, insofar as the conduct falls within the scope of these statutory offences.

I am seeking aggregate statistical information only, not personal data or information identifying individual cases.

Outcome	Reported Date	HO Code	HO Description
18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	May-26	175/09	Create purported intimate image of adult
18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	Sep-26	175/09	Create purported intimate image of adult
Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Nov-26	175/09	Create purported intimate image of adult

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/11/2026