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Information Requests
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Freedom of Information request: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information about complaints on deepfakes, revenge porn, use of AI to undress people on social media.

We received this request on 26 January 2026 and we have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the FOI Act”).

Your request & our response

The number of complaints made about deepfakes, revenge porn and the use of ai to undress people without consent on social media sites, such as Twitter (X), Facebook, Instagram and TikTok.

Please break it down between each social media platform mentioned and provide the number for the following years: 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021.

Please note the Online Safety Act became law on 26 October 2023, when it received Royal Assent. Prior to this, Ofcom’s regulatory powers in relation to online platforms was limited to the [video sharing platforms \(VSPs\) regime](#).

Additionally, please be aware that whilst users can [submit complaints to us about online services](#), we cannot respond to or investigate individual complaints. Rather, we use the insights to help us assess, more generally, how services keep users safe.

In line with your request, we have searched for all online safety complaints with a description fitting the parameters of “Revenge Porn, Deepfake, Undress AI”. We have set out the number of complaints per year below, as at 29 January 2026:

2021 = 0

2022 = 0

2023 = 2

2024 = 7

2025 = 17

2026 = 11

We can confirm that we hold information regarding the breakdown of platforms for each of these complaints. However, we are unable provide it, as we consider that its disclosure is exempt under the FOI Act. In particular, under section 44 of the FOI Act, information is exempt from disclosure if

doing so is prohibited by or under any enactment. The enactment that prohibits the disclosure of this information is section 393(1) of the Communications Act 2003 (“the Communications Act”). Under this section, we are prohibited from disclosing information with respect to a particular business that has been obtained in the exercise of our regulatory functions, unless that business consents or one of the statutory gateways under section 393(2) of the Communications Act is met, neither of which apply here. Section 44 of the FOI Act is an absolute exemption and therefore is not subject to the public interest test.

Yours sincerely,

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Request an internal review

If you are unhappy with the response you have received to your request for information, or think that your request was refused without a reason valid under the law, you may ask for an internal review. If you do, it will be subject to an independent review within Ofcom. We will either uphold the original decision, or reverse or modify it.

If you would like to ask us to carry out an internal review, you should get in touch within two months of the date of this letter. There is no statutory deadline for us to complete our internal review, and the time it takes will depend on the complexity of the request. But we will try to complete the review within 20 working days (or no more than 40 working days in exceptional cases) and keep you informed of our progress. Please email the Information Requests team (information.requests@ofcom.org.uk) to request an internal review.

Taking it further

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our internal review, then you have the right to [complain to the Information Commissioner’s Office](#).