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We refer to your email dated 29th May 2025 in which you requested information. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

The Freedom of Information Act creates rights of access for any person making a request for information to a public authority. The rights of access are twofold. First, to be informed by the public authority if it holds information of the description specified in the request, and if that is the case, secondly, to be provided with that information. These rights are subject to important limitations, which are designed to achieve a proper balance between the right to know and considerations of law and policy in the broader public interest.

You had asked the following:

*"I work for BBC News NI. I have received figures under the FOI act from the Department of Justice showing that there were 14 convictions for revenge porn related offenses in 2024.*

*Q1. Would you be able to share any details of those, or shed any light as to their severity?*

*Q2. Could you also give me a steer on any revenge porn related offences being considered by the courts as we speak?"*

In response to question 1, the PPS cannot comment on or validate data contained in an FOI response from another Department to a request on which it is not sighted. Therefore, the PPS cannot add any detail or inform as to the severity of the cases involving Revenge Porn related offences. Sentencing and convictions are matters for the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunal Service (NICTS) who may be able to assist in this regard.

In response to question 2, the PPS can advise there are currently 26 suspects awaiting court outcomes with a recent decision issued to prosecute for the required offences.

Offences considered in the analysis can be found at **Annex A**.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review in accordance with our review procedure. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of this response and you can do so by writing to the Head of Policy and Information, Public Prosecution Service, Belfast Chambers, 93 Chichester Street, BELFAST, BT1 3JR or alternatively by sending an e-mail to [info@ppsni.gov.uk](mailto:info@ppsni.gov.uk). You should state the grounds on which you are requesting the review.

Alternatively, you may wish to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

**Information Management Team**  
**Public Prosecution Service**

## Annex A

Decision Offence Code Description	Decision Offence Legislation
Threatening to Disclose Private Sexual Images	Section 51 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 as amended by the Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022
Disclosing private sexual photographs and film with intent to cause distress	Section 51(1) of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2016
Disclosing Private Sexual photographs and Films with intent to cause distress	Section 51 of the Justice Act (NI) Act 2016