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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1561/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/03/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am making the following request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in order to facilitate a piece of academic research. Can you please provide me with the following information:

1. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been dealt with by means of 'Outcome 21' (per the Home Office counting rules) for any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:

- a. 2016
- b. 2017
- c. 2018

2. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been deal with by means of a simple or conditional caution for any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:

- c. 2016
- d. 2017
- e. 2018

3. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been charged with any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:

- c. 2016
- d. 2017
- e. 2018.

For clarity, references above to 'consensual child sexting' refer to any offence under s.1 of the Protection of Children Act 1978 or s.160 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 committed (or alleged against) a child where the subject of the indecent image made, distributed or possessed consents to the offence and is also a child. At the material times, such offences were 'counted' under Home Office Counting Rules as offences 86/02 and 86/10.

Please kindly confirm whether the requested information is being provided in full or in part in your response, identifying which elements (if any) are not provided.

I look forward to your response.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Caveats:

The data provided for this request is based on a search of Home Office Codes 086/02 (Take/Make/Distribute Indecent Photographs or Pseudo-Photographs of Children) and 086/10 (Possession of an Indecent or Pseudo Indecent Photo of a Child) recorded between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2018 inclusive. The data has then been filtered to show only suspects/offenders who are under the age of 18.

The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated. In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

Question 1

The data has been filtered to include only those with Outcome 21 (Further Investigation Not in Public Interest – Police):

Year	Outcome 21
2016	114
2017	247
2018	216

Question 2

The data has been filtered to include only those with Outcomes 2A (Youth Caution), Outcome 2B (Youth Conditional Caution), and Outcome 3A (Adult Caution):

Year	Outcome 2A	Outcome 2B	Outcome 3A
2016	4	1	0
2017	6	2	0
2018	1	2	1

Question 3

The data has been filtered to include only those with Outcome 1A (Charge):

Year	Outcome 1A
2016	7
2017	6
2018	7

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