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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 2009/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/04/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My request relates to the surge in GPS tracker stalking involved in coercive control cases.

I would like to request the following information: Can you please provide me with the number of coercive control cases over the past ten years that were dealt with by your police force where GPS tracking was used as a form of coercive control? This could include social media trackers, AirTags, trackers on apps etc. Please provide the number of cases each year.

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

Coercive Control became an offence in Law on 29/12/2015. The data is therefore 29/12/2015 to 31/12/2022 inclusive.

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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

To complete this request, a search of the Home Office Crime Code 008/67 (Engage in Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate or Family Relationship) recorded between 29/12/2015 and 31/12/2022 inclusive was conducted. To identify whether GPS trackers were part of the case, the following key words were individually searched on the 'crime description' and 'MO description' fields: 'GPS', 'tracker', 'tracking', 'Air Tag', 'AirTag'.

Year	Number of Offences
2015	0
2016	1
2017	8
2018	14
2019	17
2020	3
2021	0
2022	1

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