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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011147/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/08/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please release details of all reported incidences of children and teenagers being blackmailed in relation to naked photos they've either sent to the subsequent blackmailer or the latter has obtained via some other means.

Please break the figures down by number of incidences per month between June 2020 and June 2023.

I also note your clarification dated 08/08/2023:

I would like to amend the age group to 0-17 years.

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:

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.

The data provided for this question is based on a search of the Home Office Crime Code 035/00 (Blackmail) recorded between 01/06/2022 and 31/05/2023 inclusive. The data has then been filtered to only include victims who were aged 0-17 at the time of the offence. In order to determine which of these blackmail crimes relate to sextortion, a key word search has been conducted on the 'Crime MO Description' field to only show results which include the word 'sextortion'.

The data has then been broken down by year/month:

Year	Month	Count of Crimes
2020 = 12	Jun	4
	Aug	2
	Sep	1
	Oct	1
	Nov	3
	Dec	1
2021 = 16	Jan	1
	Feb	2
	Mar	2
	Apr	1
	May	2
	Jun	1
	Aug	1
	Sep	2
	Oct	2
	Nov	1
	Dec	1
2022 = 136	Jan	2
	Feb	2
	Mar	1
	May	1
	Jun	1
	Jul	1
	Aug	2
	Sep	2
	Oct	35
	Nov	41
	Dec	48
2023 = 430	Jan	62
	Feb	67
	Mar	88
	Apr	94
	May	119
Total		594