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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011375/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/09/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. A breakdown by year of how many individuals in total were identified as a perpetrator in connection with an indecent image of a child*
- 2. How many of these individuals were under 18. if possible a further breakdown by individual age of all those under 18.*

** In the year 2023 so far - January to September*

** January - December 2020*

** January - December 2019*

** January - December 2018*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

The 'individual age' for each crime has not been provided as this information would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual concerned, and as such the exemption in **Section 40(2) – Personal information** applies to that data.

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for that particular piece of information.

Please find the remainder of the data requested below

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 at the time of the request received.

- The grand total is all offenders (and then filtered to U18) counted based on the crime reference HO Codes below for the period 01/01/2018 - 30/06/2023.

Class	Offence Category	Offence	Full HO Code
Miscellaneous crimes against society	86 Obscene Publications etc	Take/ make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children	086/02
Miscellaneous crimes against society	86 Obscene Publications etc	Possession of an indecent or pseudo indecent photo of a child	086/10
Miscellaneous crimes against society	86 Obscene Publications etc	Possessing prohibited images of children	086/15

- The year/month relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the incident occurred.
- Where possible duplicates have been removed.

	Total Offenders	Total Offenders U18
2018	1,118	83
2019	1,239	236
2020	1,637	411
2021	1,849	667
2022	1,779	966
01/01/2023 - 30/06/2023	1,531	942

In addition, Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relevant to this request, as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of **Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.**

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case. Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.