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Friday, 14 July 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/002544/I (GSA 3386/23)

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/07/2023, I note you seek access to 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. 2019*
- b. 2020*
- c. 2021*

2. How many individuals under the age of 18 have been dealt with by means of community resolution for any offence relating to consensual child sexting in:

- a. 2019*
- b. 2020*
- c. 2021*

3. 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:

- a. 2019*
- b. 2020*
- c. 2021*

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

- a. 2019*
- b. 2020*
- c. 2021*

*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. In particular, please identify whether your response includes only 'consensual' offences or whether you have been unable to filter on the basis of consent.

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.

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.

- This data contains records under 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 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2021, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- The data has then been filtered to show only offenders who are under the age of 18
- We do not record information on 'consensual'
- The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

Response

Question 1 - The data has been filtered to include only those with Outcome 21 (Further Investigation Not in Public Interest – Police):

Year	Outcome 21
2019	196
2020	254

2021	274
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Question 2 - The data has been filtered to include:

- Outcomes 8A (Restorative Justice 1)
- Outcome 8B (Restorative Justice 2)
- Outcome 8C (Neighbourhood Resolution Panel)
- Outcome 8D (Restorative Justice – Other Formal Scheme)
- Outcome 22 (Diversionary, Educational, Intervention Complete – Further Action Not in Public Interest)

Year	Total
2019	28
2020	49
2021	75

Question 3 - The data has been filtered to include:

- Outcomes 2A (Youth Caution)
- Outcome 2B (Youth Conditional Caution)
- Outcome 3A (Adult Caution)

Year	Total
2019	10
2020	7
2021	17

Question 4 - The data has been filtered to include only those with Outcome 1A (Charge):

Year	Outcome 1A
2019	12
2020	15
2021	15