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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/23/011390/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/09/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Q1 Please confirm in the last three years how many investigations relating to child sexting, involving alleged offenders aged 18 and under, were carried out by your Force

Q2 Please specify how many people were charged following these investigations, and the age (at time of offence) for those who were charged.

Clarification

When I refer to sexting I am seeking to secure data on cases which relate to the distribution of an indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child.

The time period I am seeking data on is between 2019-2022.

I am only seeking data for cases relating to offenders aged 18 and under.

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 request is based on a search of the Home Office Crime Code 086/02 (Take/Make/Distribute Indecent Photographs or Pseudo-Photographs of Children) recorded between 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2022 inclusive. The data has then been filtered to show only offenders who are aged 18 or under.

Question 1

Date Range	Total of Crimes
01/01/2019 – 31/12/2022	2,959

Question 2

Date Range	Total of Crimes
01/01/2019 – 31/12/2022	55

Due to the low numbers returned the perpetrators ages have been merged together as by providing all this information as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Perpetrators Age Range	Total
5-10	1
11-15	14
16 – 18	40
Total	55