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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012955/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request the following information under FOI legislation.

How many police complaints of rental fraud/scam has your police force dealt with in the past ten years years?

Could I have these figures broken down on the following basis:

1. Year-by-year
2. Age of alleged victim
3. Result of case (i.e case dropped/charged/conviction)
4. Origin of scam (i.e Facebook marketplace, gumtree, etc)

- The timescale requested for data: 01/01/2014 - 18/7/2024. Broken down on a year by year basis./

- Rental fraud refers to when would-be tenants are tricked into paying an upfront fee to rent a property when in reality, the property does not exist, has already been rented out, or has been rented to multiple victims at the same time. See Action Fraud definition here: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/a-z-of-fraud/rental-fraud>

- Complaint refers to an incident recorded

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by GMP. Please contact Action Fraud via the City of London Police for this information.