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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013765/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/12/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. Please can you confirm the average duration of an investigation into suspected Possession of Indecent Images of Children?***
- 2. Additionally, please can you provide a breakdown of the outcomes of such investigations (NFA, Caution, Charges, etc.)?***

These figures would ideally cover the past 12 month period, but can cover another comparable period if this is not possible.

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 that some of 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.

- The crime grand total is all the crimes counted based on the crime reference HO Codes on the 'HO Codes Used' tab for the period 01/12/2023-30/11/2024.
- The month relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the incident occurred.
- Where possible duplicates have been removed.

- We do not provide “averages” under FOI unless data is held in that way. Therefore, this part of the request cannot be answered.
- Please note due to the time frame being considered many of these investigations remain ongoing hence why the volume of 'Decision Pending' is high.

1. No information held. – GMP can only provide information it holds in a recorded form.
2. See table below.

Due to some low results, some outcomes have been replaced with X, as by providing all this 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 presenting the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Outcomes

Community Resolution	Charged	Charged Alternative Offence	Decision Pending	Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest	Eliminated	Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified	Further Invest Not in Public Interest (Police)
24	40	X	212	136	X	26	263

Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified	Locate Trace	Missing Value	Named Suspect Under 10	Referred to Other Agency	Prosecution Not in Public Interest (Police)	Refer to PNC	Summons
182	43	138	35	9	46	X	X

Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence (CPS)	Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence (Police)	Suspect Identified-Insufficient (Other)	Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support	Youth Caution
X	350	7	67	X

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