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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011891/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- a) *The total number of recorded offences of indecent images (still or moving) of children and prohibited images of children for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.*
- d) *For each offence for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 please break it down by the platform used to commit the offence where known using the following key word search: Snapchat, Facebook/Messenger, Instagram, WhatsApp, X/Twitter, Kik, TikTok, YouTube, Discord, Skype, Facetime, Roblox, Oculus, VR, Metaverse, Only Fans, Signal, iCloud, iMessgae, Dropbox, Mega, Patreon, other social media or messaging site, other cloud storage site and online gaming.*
- e) *The number of recorded offences of which contained a cyber-flag.*

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

The period considered is 01/04/2022-31/03/2023. The data has been displayed by both month & financial year.

The month relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the incident occurred.

Where possible duplicates have been removed.

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 offence codes used are "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".

Reply

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Platforms (Where recorded)	
Twitter	21
Omegle	9
Snapchat	385
Discord	23
Instagram	54
Skype	4
Facebook	52
You Tube	8
Whatsapp	34
OK Live	1
LIKEE	1
KIK	28
PicsArt	1
TikTok	31
Telegram	1
Only Fans	2

Total	655

E. 944