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I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. In the last 3 years, how many offences/alleged offences has the force logged where TikTok was recorded as being an element in the offence? [Between April 6 - April 5 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24]

1a) What were the nature of offences for 2023/24 only?

1b) What police action was taken for offences in 2023/24 only?

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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 6th April 2021 and 5th April 2024 where the crime MO description contains 'TIKTOK' or 'TIK TOK' excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request.
- The MO text (draft) and MO text (final) may contain sensitive information and should be redacted before the data is released to the requester.

- A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing, and an outcome has not yet been applied.

Part 1:

Numbers of offences where TikTok has been recorded	
2021/22	334
2022/23	509
2023/24	644

Part 2:

Nature of offences for 2023/24	
Stalking and harassment	543
Miscellaneous crimes against society	18
Other sexual offences	13
Public order offences	29
All other theft offences	21
Possession of weapon offences	1
Bicycle theft	1
Criminal damage and arson offences	1
Violence with injury	6
Violence without injury	9
Rape	1
Business and community burglary	1

Part 3:

Outcomes (police action taken) of offences for 2023/24	
1 - Charged/Summonsed	12
1A - Charged/Summonsed Alternative Offence	2
3 - Caution - Adults	1
8 - Community Resolution	3
11 - Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility	8
14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	69
15 - Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	136
16 - Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	160
17 - Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	3
18 - Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	211
21 - Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	7

22 - Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest.	4
Missing Value	28