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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012849/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Hello, may I re-word this to better enable your search.

1. *Are you able to provide year on year data for the Home Office Crime Code 035/00 (Blackmail) recorded by your force between 01/01/2014 and 31/05/2024 inclusive.*
2. *Are you then able to filter this data for the word "sextortion".*
3. *Are you able to filter this data for the words "learning disabilities" to see if the victim was in this category.*

If you are unable to filter for either "sextortion" or "learning disabilities" can you still provide the data set requested in question 1.

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 held by GMP.

CAVEATS

The crime totals are all the crimes counted based on the crime reference HO Code 035/00 - Blackmail for the period 01/01/2014-31/05/2024.

There is no data prior to 2017 regarding Blackmail & Sextortion. This may be a new means of reporting such crimes.

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.

Due to low numbers being returned or victim with learning disabilities, some of the totals have been replaced with X, as by providing all this information split by ages 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 replacing this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

	Volume of Blackmail - 035/00 Crimes	Volume of 'Sextortion' Crimes	Victim with Learning Disabilities
2014	122	N/A	N/A
2015	222	N/A	N/A
2016	336	N/A	N/A
2017	425	3	0
2018	690	6	0
2019	565	4	0
2020	681	15	X
2021	1,090	21	X
2022	1,657	144	X
2023	2,417	1118	9
2024	771	281	X