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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012973/Z**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. *Since its implementation into law in 2017, please state how many people have been charged by your force with the offence of sexual communication with a child (Section 67, Serious Crime Act 2015)***
- 2. *Of the people charged, how many of them have been convicted?***
- 3. *How many of the offences recorded were initiated online and how many offline?***

**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.**

- The total is all the crimes counted based on the crime reference HO Codes 071/17 for the period 01/01/2017-23/07/2024.
- The Year relates to when the crime was created and not when the crime was committed. (01 Jan-31 Dec)
- Where possible duplicates have been removed.
- The data relating to Charged Offender is either Charged or Charged alternative offence

- **Question 2.** Relating to Convictions- GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for this part of the request.

| Year                   | Charged | Online | Offline |
|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| 2017                   | 18      | 164    | 47      |
| 2018                   | 52      | 197    | 146     |
| 2019                   | 76      | 221    | 188     |
| 2020                   | 81      | 329    | 115     |
| 2021                   | 126     | 467    | 144     |
| 2022                   | 127     | 420    | 168     |
| 2023                   | 73      | 334    | 163     |
| 2024(up to 23/07/2024) | 19      | 223    | 89      |
| Total                  | 572     | 2355   | 1060    |