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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012500/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/04/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. The number of incidences of online harassment reported in the 2023, 2022, and 2021 calendar years.*
- 2. The number of incidences of cyberbullying reported in the 2023, 2022, and 2021 calendar years.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

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 125/12 & 195/14, then filtered with online option selected, for the period 01/01/2021-31/12/2023.

Class	Sub Class	Offence Category	Offence	Full HO Code
Public Order offences		9A Public Fear Alarm or Distress	Harassment, alarm or distress	125/12

Violence Against The Person	Stalking and Harassment	8L Harassment	Harassment	195/94
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- Search results were then filtered by Online/Cyber & Cyber Crime Flags
- The Year relates to when the crime was committed and not when the crime was recorded.
- Where possible duplicates have been removed.

Response

	Online Harassment	Online/Cyber	Cyber Crime Flag
2021	19565	2151	1722
2022	21790	2187	1686
2023	17203	1925	1257