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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013479/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the FOI Act please could you provide me with a list of criminal complaints made since the beginning of 2020 about behaviour on the following platforms: Roblox, TikTok, OnlyFans, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X, Snapchat, Whatsapp, LinkedIn, YouTube and WhatsApp. Please could you provide details/a categorisation of the alleged offence (e.g. harassment, sexual grooming, etc.), the month of the alleged offence, the age of the crime's victim, and the status of the case (i.e. arrest, arrest no charge, arrest and charge, no arrest, etc.) as of today.

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

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.

These crimes may have originated from incidents in the incident data and refer to the same circumstances.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 1st January 2020 and 16th October 2024 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'Roblox', 'TikTok', 'OnlyFans', 'Facebook', 'Instagram', 'Twitter', 'Snapchat', 'Whatsapp', 'LinkedIn', 'YouTube',

WhatsApp' 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.

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

Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:

- The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g., reported or created.
- The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
- Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
- The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.

There are crimes in this response with no victim attached. These may be state based crimes (which do not need a victim), crimes where the victim has not been identified, or they may be errors.

We are aware of an issue that allows more than one victim to be attached to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules. This issue affects 2 crimes in this response.

Please see the attached spreadsheet for the requested information.