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Monday, 23 September 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013260/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/09/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

Please disclose details of each incident reported to the force either as 'outraging public decency', of where the word 'dogging' has been recorded on the report.

For each incident please disclose

- 1. The exact wording of the report, as it was recorded on your force's logs. Please redact any names or identifiable (such as addresses) that would prohibit disclosure .*
- 2. The location (town, city, village) in which the incident was reported*
- 3. The date and time the incident was reported.*

Please disclose all incidents since January 1 2022 up to the present date.

You have agreed to the below search criteria on 19/09/2024

If you're happy with us using this and a keyword search for 'dogging' we can search crime records to answer their request.

<i>Home Office Code</i>	<i>Offence</i>
<i>066/21</i>	<i>Committing, or conspiring to commit, an act outraging public decency</i>

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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2022 and 31/08/2024 where the HO 5 digit code is 066/21 (Committing or conspiring to commit, an act outraging public decency) and the crime description or crime MO description contains ['dogging'], 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.

Response

The search found 973 crimes recorded under 066/21 and 6 of those returned where MO description contains ['dogging'].

Due to low in numbers, further breakdown information has been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.