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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015244/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request to following information Under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000, please:

How many incidents of Financially Motivated Sexual Extortion (Sextortion) were reported to Greater Manchester Police in the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?

How many of the victims were under the age of 18?

How many of the victims were under the age of 16?

How many of the victims were males?

How many of the victims were females?

How many of these reports led to a conviction ?

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.

1. The period considered is 01/01/2020-05/08/2025. The data has been displayed by calendar year.
2. The month relates to when the Crime was recorded and not when the incident occurred.
3. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
4. HO Code used for the search is 035/00 35 Blackmail
5. The keyword 'Sextortion' has been searched in the MO Descriptions field.
6. Please note there will be some duplication across the U18 & U16 results

Due to low numbers being returned, some of the totals have been replaced with X, as by providing all this information 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.

Year	Total	U18	U16	Female Victim	Male Victim	Unknown Victim
2020	15	-	-	X	X	X
2021	16	-	-	X	X	-
2022	135	22	7	9	117	9
2023	1112	224	94	112	959	41
2024	640	84	44	76	532	32
2025	415	115	51	46	354	15

Please note – GMP do not hold conviction data. For data relating to convictions you will need to redirect your request to the Courts.

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