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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015280/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Q1 Between 2018 to 2025, how many times has a GPS device (such as a location tracker or an Apple AirTag) been reported in cases of coercive control?

Q2 Between 2018 to 2025, how many times has a GPS device (such as a location tracker or an Apple AirTag) been reported in cases of stalking?

Please could this information be broken down annually in calendar years in a table format, with a column for each year from 2018-2025.

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 crime grand total is the volume of crimes using the HO Codes 008/65, 008/66, 008/74, 195/12 and 008/67 for the period 01/01/2018-31/07/2025. The data is provided by calendar year as per the request.
2. Duplicates have been removed.
3. The data is based on the date the crime was created and not when the crime was committed.

4. In order to establish if the crime involved a Tracker the keywords 'Tracker' & 'Air Tag' were searched on.

	No. CCB Crimes with Trackers	No. Stalking Crimes with Trackers
2018	3	7
2019	6	3
2020	4	15
2021	8	17
2022	16	35
2023	22	57
2024	28	69
2025	14	42
Total	101	245