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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015399/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information relating to criminal prosecutions investigated by Greater Manchester Police between 2019 and 2024 (including 2025 to date) that involved the movement of suspected criminal cash via air freight (i.e. aircraft cargo, not hand-carried by passengers).

Please provide, if held and centrally recorded:

1. *The number of:*
Investigations commenced
Charges brought
Successful prosecutions

...involving the use of air freight or courier cargo to transport criminal property.

2. *For each successful prosecution, a brief anonymised summary, if available, including:*

Year of prosecution
Offence(s) charged (e.g. s327-329 POCA, money laundering, false declarations) Broad circumstances (short case summary and cash amount seized, if recorded) Outcome (e.g. conviction, sentence)

I do not require any personal information or details that could identify individuals.

If the request is likely to exceed cost limits, please prioritise providing summaries of successful prosecutions and advise how best I may refine the scope.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: Subject: FOI Request - Money Service Businesses (MSB's) Prosecutions

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information relating to criminal prosecutions investigated by the Greater Manchester Police between 2019 and 2024 (including 2025 to date) that involved Money Service Businesses (MSBs) suspected of facilitating the movement or laundering of criminal cash.

Please provide, if held:

1. The number of:

*Investigations
Charges brought
Successful prosecutions*

...involving MSBs suspected of laundering or transferring criminal property.

2. A brief, anonymised summary of each prosecution, if available, including:

*Year of prosecution
Offence(s) charged (e.g. s327-329 POCA, money laundering, unregistered MSB offences, regulatory breaches) Broad circumstances (case summary, nature of the MSB involvement, cash amount or transaction value where known) Outcome (e.g. conviction, sentence)*

I do not require any personal information or details that could identify individuals.

I also note your clarification, provided on 01/09/2025:

Please note that I am only interested in the information below in cases where the recorded circumstances indicate involvement of a Money Service Business and/or the movement of criminal cash via air freight consignments out of the UK. I am not requesting overall totals for these offence codes where there is no link to MSBs or air freight cash movements. To assist your searches, please could you provide data (recorded crimes and charges brought) for the following Home Office Counting Rule offence codes between 2019 and 2024 (including 2025 to date):

- **99A** – Concealing, disguising, converting, transferring criminal property (s327 POCA 2002)
- **99B** – Arrangements facilitating acquisition, retention, use of criminal property (s328 POCA 2002)
- **99C** – Acquisition, use and possession of criminal property (s329 POCA 2002)
- **99D** – Failure to disclose (regulated sector offences, ss330–332 POCA 2002)
- **99E** – Tipping off (s333A POCA 2002)
- **53A–53C** – Fraud offences (Fraud Act 2006: false representation, failure to disclose, abuse of position), where relevant to laundering activity/MSBs
- **72/14–72/15** – Cross-border cash declaration offences (undeclared cash / breach of cash controls regulations), if recorded

I appreciate you are unable to provide prosecution outcomes; I will seek this information separately from the Crown Prosecution Service and HMCTS.

This clarification applies to both elements of my original request (air freight-related offences and MSB-related offences).

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 not held by GMP. The offences under the Proceeds of Crime Act that you have included in your clarification are not notifiable offences under the Home Office Counting Rules. As such, GMP are not obliged to create a crime record for incidents of this nature.

The offences under the Fraud Act are investigated at a national level by Action Fraud, who are part of the City of London Police. Please contact them for this information.

As your request relates to the importation and exportation of cash, further information may be available from His Majesty's Revenue and Customs.