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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015953/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information relating to Operation Venetic (EncroChat) as of the date of response:

- 1. The total number of cases that have been brought to charge following the operation.***
- 2. The total number of charged cases that have concluded in the courts (e.g., resulting in a conviction, acquittal, or sentence).***
- 3. The total number of charged cases that are still to be heard by the courts (i.e., those that have been charged but are awaiting trial, plea hearing, or sentencing)."***

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.

Please note -'Operation Venetic' was to the national response to the Encrochat breach and was overseen by the NCA. Therefore, the information GMP has access to only relates to 'packs' and 'handles' allocated to GMP due to the believed geographic locality of the users. A further request would need to be made to the NCA in order to get a comprehensive report for 'Operation Venetic'.

Please see the most up to date figures GMP hold (as of July 2025):

269 arrests
215 sentenced
45 awaiting trial or sentence