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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/013981/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about Grindr the dating app in relation to crime. Please may you provide me with:

- 1. The volume of crimes recorded and validated in the last five years which included 'Grindr' in the MO comments. 2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25***
 - 2. What was the crime type for those recorded in 2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25****
 - 3. What was the outcome of the crimes recorded in 2019/20, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25****
- *If crime type and outcome for five years would go beyond the costs of compliance please carry on with as many years as possible within the cost of compliance starting from 2024/25 backwards.***

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.

- This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/04/2019 and 14/01/2025 excluding cancelled crimes where the crime description or crime MO description contains the keyword

'grindr'. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

Question 1

Year	Total
2019/20	21
2020/21	22
2021/22	25
2022/23	28
2023/24	52
2024/25	41

Question 2

Due to low numbers returned, the totals have been merged together as by providing all this information split by year 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 merging this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

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

Offence	Totals
All other theft offences	35
Criminal Damage and Arson Offences	X
Homicides	X
Miscellaneous crimes against society	X
Other Sexual Offences	36
Possession of Drugs	X
Public Order Offences	7
Rape	24
Robbery of Personal Property	X
Stalking and Harassment	68
Violence with Injury	X
Violence without Injury	7

Question 3

Outcome	Total
Charged/Summoned	12
Charged/Summoned Alternative Offence	2
Community Resolution	1
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	42

Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	56
Missing Value	15
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	27
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	30
Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	2
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence	1
The offender has died	1