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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014069/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Thanks for your response to my previous request. Please see my clarified request below.

Please can you provide the following:

- 1. The number of people currently under investigation by GMP for suspected possession of indecent images of children?*
- 2. How many devices are waiting to be searched as part of investigations to the above offense?*
- 3. For the period 01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023, please can you provide a breakdown of the outcomes of such investigations (such as charged, NFA, etc.).*

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 victims of crimes returned using the HO Codes the period 01/01/2023-31/12/2023.
2. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
3. The data is based on the date the crime was created and not when the crime was committed.

Question 1 – The period searched is 01/01/2015 – 08/01/2025 using HO Codes 086/02, 086/10 and 086/15. The total number of returned open crimes is **225**.

Question 2 – A search of submissions with an offence type of 'Possess, Make, Take or Distribute Child Sexual Abuse Material' returned a total of **784** digital devices.

Question 3

Outcome	Total
A Community Resolution (with or without formal restorative justice) (Formal Police Diversion Scheme)	4
A Community Resolution (with or without formal restorative justice) (Informal Police Action) (8C)	10
Adult Conditional Caution (3B)	4
Adult Conditional Caution Alternative Offence (3D)	1
Charge (1A)	130
Charged Alternative Offence (1C)	8
Decision Pending (98)	124
Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest. (22)	143
Eliminated (99A)	12
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)	73
Filed Pending Forensics (99B)	1
Further Invest Not in Public Interest (Pol) (21)	329
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	257
Locate Trace (15E)	1
Missing Value	94
Named Suspect U10 Yrs (11)	77
Named Susp-Vict Dead/Too Ill (13)	1
Not In Public Interest (Cps) (9)	2
Offender Has Died (5)	2
Outcome 20 - Referred to Other Agency (96)	28
Prosecution Not in Public Interest (Pol) (10)	62
Refer To PNC (15D)	2
Restorative Justice 2 (8B)	1
Summons (1B)	3
Summoned Alternative Offence (1D)	2
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)	12
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)	576
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Other (15C)	9
Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)	144
Youth Caution (2A)	2