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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014214/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Question1 - From January 2019 to December 2024 how many police officers were under investigation for allegations regarding their use of social media including messaging systems such as WhatsApp.

Question 2 - How many of these allegations were investigated locally by GMP, Directed/Managed by the IOPC or independent IOPC investigation.

Question 3 - The outcomes between dates above for the aforementioned allegations investigated locally by GMP:

- No further action.***
- RPRP.***
- Misconduct meeting and outcomes from the meeting such as number given written warnings, final written warnings etc...***
- Gross Misconduct hearing and outcomes from the hearing such as final written warnings, dismissal etc...***

Question 4 - The outcomes between dates above for the aforementioned allegations of Directed/Managed IOPC investigations:

- No further action.***
- RPRP.***
- Misconduct meeting and outcomes from the meeting such as number given written warnings, final written warnings etc...***
- Gross Misconduct hearing and outcomes from the hearing such as final written warnings, dismissal etc...***

Question 5 - The outcomes between dates above for the aforementioned allegations for Independent IOPC investigations:

- No further action.

- RPRP.

- Misconduct meeting and outcomes from the meeting such as number given written warnings, final written warnings etc...

- Gross Misconduct hearing and outcomes from the hearing such as final written warnings, dismissal 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.

Question 1

Year	Officers
2019	16
2020	66
2021	22
2022	46
2023	42
2024	41

Question 2 – 5

Please see the attached spreadsheet noting the below caveats.

- Covers various aspects of Social Media misuse including complaints about official GMP posts on Social Media.
- Excludes matters dealt with either by local resolution/OTBI/Outside S3 or cases that were not subject to a formal investigation as the request specifies 'investigations'.
- Based on the case either having a Misuse of Social Media allegation (pre 2020) or a Social Media factor added onto the allegation type (post 2020).
- Some cases contain more than one allegation, or more than one subject so the number of allegations does not directly correlate to the number of officers.
- Includes allegations against Special Constables.

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2020	N/A	Local no referral	Referral to RPRP
2020	Local	Local after referral	No Action
2020	Local	Local after referral	Final Written Warning
2020	Independent	IOPC	Dismissal
2020	N/A	Local no referral	No Action
2020	N/A	Local no referral	No Action
2020	N/A	Local no referral	Dismissal
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2020	N/A	Local no referral	Dismissal
2020	N/A	Local no referral	Written Warning
2020	Independent	IOPC	Dismissal
2020	Local	Local after referral	Referral to RPRP
2020	Local	Local after referral	Referral to RPRP
2020	Local	Local after referral	Referral to RPRP
2020	Local	Local after referral	Referral to RPRP
2020	N/A	Local no referral	Referral to RPRP
2020	N/A	Local no referral	No Action
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2020	N/A	Local no referral	Dismissal
2020	Local	Local after referral	No Action
2020	Local	Local after referral	No Action
2020	N/A	Local no referral	Learning from Reflection
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2020	N/A	Local no referral	Referral to RPRP
2020	Independent	IOPC	Dismissal
2021	Local	Local after referral	Referral to RPRP
2021	N/A	Local no referral	Dismissal
2021	N/A	Local no referral	Awaiting Proceedings
2021	N/A	Local no referral	No Action
2021	N/A	Local no referral	Final Written Warning
2021	Local	Local after referral	No Action
2021	N/A	Local no referral	Learning from Reflection
2021	N/A	Local no referral	Referral to RPRP
2021	N/A	Local no referral	No Action
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