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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014291/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*****Revised from 01/FOI/25/014165/I*****

thank you for your response and for advising me on how to narrow my request. Could you please perform the same search but only searching for crimes where "Grindr" was mentioned? If that still triggers the cost exemption, could you please only look for the past three years (01.01.2022 until 25.02.2025)

1a. Please break down the data by year.

1b. Please break down the data by the following offence groups:

- Sexual offences***
- Theft offences***
- Violence against the person***
- Robbery***

1c. Please break down the data further down by the specific offence within each offence group

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.

However, I am not obliged to supply all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Question 1c is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Please see the remaining response below.

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 1st January 2022 and 25th February 2025 where the word 'GRINDR' appears within either the crime description or crime MO description fields, excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request. This means the crimes may not necessarily be connected to GRINDR.

Due to some low results for question 1b, some outcome totals have been replaced with X, as by providing all this information split by individual outcome 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 replacing the data this way, this part of the request can be provided

Question 1, 1a and 1b Please see breakdown below.

Year	Offence Level 4	Total
2022	• All other theft offences	• 5
	• Other sexual offences	• X
	• Possession of drugs	• X
	• Rape	• 6
	• Stalking and harassment	• 12
	• Violence without injury	• X
	• All other theft offences	• 5
	• Miscellaneous crimes against society	• X
	• Other sexual offences	• 8
	• Public order offences	• X
	• Rape	• 5
	• Stalking and harassment	• 22
2024	• Violence without injury	• X
	• All other theft offences	• 11
	• Criminal damage and arson offences	• X
	• Miscellaneous crimes against society	• X
	• Other sexual offences	• 14
	• Public order offences	• X
	• Rape	• X
	• Stalking and harassment	• 14
	• Violence with injury	• X

2025	• All other theft offences	• X
	• Miscellaneous crimes against society	• X
	• Other sexual offences	• X
	• Public order offences	• X
	• Stalking and harassment	• X
Total		134