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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014837/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For 2024 and 2023:

- 1. How many instances of offences were reported to the police forced regarding the game "Roblox".***
 - a. A breakdown of the type of offence i.e. "Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13", "Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16", "Sexual grooming", "Engage in sexual communication with a child". Etc.***

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

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 1 Jan 2023 and 31 Dec 2024 where the crime description or crime MO description contains "Roblox" excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Please note:

- 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.

In relation to question 1a, due to low numbers returned the data requested has been provided broken down by Crime Tree Level 4 as by providing all this information split by specific offence 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 providing the data this way it can be provided in its entirety.

Crime Latest Classification: Crime Tree Level Four	2023	2024
Other sexual offences	13	10
Stalking and harassment	16	8
Miscellaneous crimes against society	2	7
Public order offences	0	1
Vehicle offences	1	0
Violence without injury	1	0
All other theft offences	0	1
Violence with injury	0	1