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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014661/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request the following information. Please can the information be broken down for each year between January 2020 - April 2025:

1) How many cases have been recorded by your force between January 2020 and April 2025 for the following offences:

disclosing, threatening to disclose, private sexual photographs and films with or without intent to cause distress

Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film Voyeurism

2) Can you provide any further information about these cases and include the outcome of each case in 1)?

3) The number of cases involving threats to share intimate photographs or films in which alleged victims were unwilling or unable to contribute to police efforts to prosecute the alleged offender, between January 2020 and April 2025.

Can you include the outcome and/or reason why the alleged victim did not continue with police efforts to prosecute the alleged offender.

4) The number of convictions and outcomes made each year between 2020 - 2025 for the following offences:

disclosing, threatening to disclose, private sexual photographs and films with or without intent to cause distress

Sharing or threatening to share intimate photograph or film

Voyeurism

5) The number of convictions involving threats to share intimate photographs or films by repeat offenders.

Can you include the outcome for each conviction

6) The number of reports of threats to share photographs or films which show, or appear to show, someone in an intimate state - This would be a breach of Section 188(4) of the Online Safety Act 2023

Can you include the outcome of each report

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 some of 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 01/01/2020 and 30/04/2025, where the HO 5-digit codes are 175/08 (Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent), 088/10 (Voyeurism) or 088/15 (Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification) 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.
- Outcome 16 (Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support) identifies the number of offences in which the alleged victims were unwilling or unable to contribute to police efforts to prosecute the alleged offender.
- For question 2, we are unable to provide the information split by individual outcome as you have requested and some low results have been replaced with X as this 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, it can be provided in its entirety.
- Missing Value - This means that the investigation is ongoing and an outcome has not yet been applied.

1. 1257

2. See table below.

Outcome	Total
A Community Resolution (with or without formal restorative justice) (Formal Police Diversion Scheme) (8D)	X

A Community Resolution (with or without formal restorative justice) (Informal Police Action) (8C)	6
Adult Caution (3A)	5
Adult Conditional Caution (3B)	X
Charge (1A)	81
Charged Alternative Offence (1C)	9
Decision Pending (98)	96
Diversionsary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest. (22)	18
Eliminated (99A)	X
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)	92
Further Invest Not in Public Interest (Pol) (21)	11
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	237
Locate Trace (15E)	29
Named Susp-Vict Dead/Too Ill (13)	X
Offender Has Died (5)	X
Outcome 20 - Referred to Other Agency (96)	X
Prosecution Not in Public Interest (Pol) (10)	X
Refer To Pnc (15D)	6
Restorative Justice 1 (8A)	X
Summons (1B)	X
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)	16
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)	276
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Other (15C)	X
Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)	315
Tic - Master Crime Not Gmp (4B)	X
Youth Caution (2A)	X
Missing Value	35

- Using the HO code 088/15 - Threaten to share intimate photograph or film, there are 78 instances recorded under outcome "Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)".
- GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.

5. GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.
6. No information held – There are no notifiable offences under s188(4) of the Online Safety Act 2023.