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I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

In that case can you tell me the number of reported assaults in a taxi in Greater Manchester for each year: 2019 - 2024 and so far this year in 2025?

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 1st January 2019 and 31st March 2025, where the crime classification is recorded as crime tree level 2 'sexual offences', where the MO keyword 'taxi' field has been ticked, 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.
- In 2019 GMP systems changed. The previous system didn't have the field that allows us to filter on 'taxi', therefore the results for 2019 are likely to not be reflective of the true volume.
- MO keywords are only available for new and migrated crimes.
- The MO keywords are not mandatory and may not be completed.
- There may be relevant records missing from our response where this field has not been completed.
- Data for 2025 is from 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025.

As these are optional fields, an increase or decrease in crime volume where these fields are part of the filtering may not indicate a true increase or decrease of the volume of these crimes, but may reflect a change in usage of this field.

2019 - 1
2020 - 8
2021 - 9
2022 - 24
2023 - 40
2024 - 56
2025 - 9