

Date: 21st May 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/014785/E

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014785/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding cyberflashing.

- Please provide the number of cases of cyberflashing recorded by GMP for 2024 and 2025 (as of 18/05/2025).*
- What was the outcome for each of these cases?*

Please contact me if you need me to clarify my request.

CLARIFICATION

Thank you for your quick response and apologies for not including the Home Office code. I believe it is: 88E 088/15 "Sending etc photograph or films of genitals".

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 2024 and 18th May 2025, where the Home Office offence is 088/14 'sending photograph etc or film of genitals', 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.

- A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing and an outcome has not yet been applied.

Due to low numbers being returned, some of the outcomes totals have been replaced with X, as by providing all this information 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 this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

HO Outcome Description	2024	2025
Charged/Summoned	X	0
Caution - Adults	0	X
Community Resolution	X	0
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	7	X
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	24	9
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	27	8
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	34	13
Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	X	0
Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest.	X	6
Missing Value	X	12
Total	106	54