

Date: 8th October 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/015388/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. The number of crimes recorded considered to be digital domestic abuse within, for example, this framework: <https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa/domestic-abuse/digital-domestic-abuse/>

- a) Out of these, how many resulted in arrests?**
- b) How many of these resulted in a conviction?**

CLARIFICATION

Could I please have the information from 2022, 2023 and 2024?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. There are no flags in our custody system for 'Cyber' or 'Online' therefore to determine if an arrest is relevant to this request would require a manual review of all DA flagged arrests. Thousands of arrests would need to be manually reviewed and as such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to provide the requested information.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

With Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

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.

1. The crime grand total is the volume of recorded crimes for the period 01/01/2022-31/12/2024, selecting DA, Online and Cyber qualifying flags.
2. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
3. The data is based on the date the crime was created and not when the crime was committed.

Question 1

Year	Online/Cyber & DA Recorded Crimes
2022 (Jan 1st to Dec 31st)	2384
2023 (Jan 1st to Dec 31st)	1924
2024 (Jan 1st to Dec 31st)	1784
Total	6092

Question 1a – Exempt, please see above.

Question 1b – GMP do not hold conviction data. For conviction data you would need to submit a request to the courts.