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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015553/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST 1:

- Q1. The total number of crimes reported to Greater Manchester Police that were committed on, or in connection with, the online gaming platform Roblox from 2008 to the present date.**
Q2. A breakdown of the types of crimes reported (e.g., harassment, fraud, sexual offences, grooming, etc.) in relation to Roblox.
Q3. The number of these cases that have resulted in a prosecution.

REQUEST 2:

- Q1. The total number of crimes reported to Greater Manchester Police that were committed on, or in connection with, the online platform Discord from 1 January 2015 to the present date.**
Q2. A breakdown of the types of crimes reported (e.g., harassment, fraud, sexual offences, grooming, Terrorism, coordinated self harm etc.) in relation to Discord.
Q3. The number of these cases that have resulted in a prosecution.

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP are unable to respond to the number of crimes reported that **were committed on, or in connection with, the online gaming platforms** named above without carrying out a manual review of each recorded report that contains the word "Roblox" & "Discord". This is because our systems do not have a field to allow us to search and filter this information independently. Since 2015 there have been a combined total of over 24,000 logs that contain these words. The appearance of the keywords in the MO does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request and so

to review each on to ensure they match what you have asked would far exceed the limitations set out in the FOIA.

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.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a heavily reduced time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

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