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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015561/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I want to request the following information:

For each of the 3 points listed below please provide breakdown by year –2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. Please treat each year as a calendar year from Jan-Dec. For 2025 please use Jan-September inclusive.

1) *How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Tinder” has been used? (ie where the term Tinder has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)?*

2) *How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Hinge” has been used? (ie where the term Hinge has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)?*

3) *How many offences has your force recorded where the key term “Dating app” has been used? (ie where the term Dating app has been mentioned in the MO field of a crime report)?*

When providing the data, please can you specify the nature of the crime (eg. sexual assault) and whether it resulted in a charge (y/n) and whether it resulted in a conviction (y/n).

If possible, please send the results in an excel format. Please format the table using columns for years, and rows for each question.

I am aware of the limitations on your time and resources that can be applied for each FOI request. If you are able to do so within those constraints, could you also supply for each offence:

- The sex of the alleged victim.***

- ***The age of the alleged victim (This can be divided into age ranges if easier, but should include under 18's as a category).***
- ***Whether or not the accused had a previous conviction.***

If you are encountering practical difficulties with complying with this request, please contact me as soon as possible (in line with your section 16 duty to advise and assist requesters) so I can modify the request.

I expect the information to be given in 20 working days, by the 27th of October.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. 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 '01 January 2022' and '30 September 2025' where the crime description or crime MO description contains either 'Tinder', 'Hinge' or 'Dating app', 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. Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- The appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request. **For example, 'Hinge' doesn't necessarily relate to Hinge the dating app.**

'Charged?' indicates that a GMP Outcome Code of either 1A, 1B, 1C or 1D.

Caveats relating to victim data:

The age of the victim has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:

- The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
- The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
- Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
- The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.
- There are 2 records where the victim age is -1, which is incorrect. We are stating this so that the applicant can omit this data if they wish. These results are in question 3, 2024, under 18 data.

'Not recorded' gender is where the gender of the victim is 'missing value' or 'unknown' in our system.

There are 52 crimes in this response with no victim attached. These may be state based crimes (which do not need a victim), crimes where the victim has not been identified, or they may be system errors.

Some victims may be attached to multiple crimes.

Due to low numbers returned the breakdown requested has been split from each other as by providing all this information together 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 splitting this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Question 1 – Tinder

Crime Tree Level 4	2022	2023	2024	2025
All other theft offences	20	50	37	43
Bicycle theft	0	1	0	0
Miscellaneous crimes against society	0	1	0	0
Other sexual offences	1	2	3	6
Public order offences	1	1	0	2
Rape	7	3	4	2
Robbery of personal property	0	1	2	0
Stalking and harassment	9	32	16	12
Violence with injury	1	1	0	0
Violence without injury	0	0	0	1
Vehicle Offences	0	0	1	0
Total	39	92	63	66

Year	Total Charged
2022	0
2023	0
2024	0
2025	4

Year/Victim Gender	Female	Male	Not Recorded	No Victim
2022	14	21	4	0
2023	28	62	2	0
2024	17	45	1	0
2025	14	47	1	4

Year	Under 18	Over 18
2022	1	38
2023	1	91
2024	0	63
2025	3	59

Question 2 – Hinge

Crime Tree Level 4	2022	2023	2024	2025
All other theft offences	14	22	26	11
Bicycle theft	1	0	2	0
Business and community burglary	29	44	17	13
Criminal damage and arson offences	176	168	151	113
Miscellaneous crimes against society	1	5	6	6

Possession of weapon offences	2	0	0	0
Other sexual offences	0	1	5	8
Public order offences	12	14	8	8
Residential burglary	95	104	78	39
Robbery of business property	0	0	0	1
Robbery of personal property	2	0	0	1
Rape	0	1	3	4
Robbery of personal property	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	1	2	2	1
Stalking and harassment	15	34	41	22
Trafficking of drugs	0	0	1	0
Violence with injury	14	17	8	9
Violence without injury	33	27	33	25
Vehicle Offences	8	1	2	4
Total	403	440	383	265

Year	Total Charged
2022	18
2023	29
2024	19
2025	6

Year/Victim Gender	Female	Male	Not Recorded	No Victim
2022	170	135	87	11
2023	217	145	70	8
2024	189	124	63	7
2025	125	85	50	5

Year	Under 18	Over 18
2022	9	383
2023	4	428
2024	10	366
2025	5	255

Question 3 – Dating App

Crime Tree Level 4	2022	2023	2024	2025
All other theft offences	35	81	56	52
Miscellaneous crimes against society	1	1	3	1
Other sexual offences	4	12	12	20
Public order offences	1	1	0	1
Rape	7	13	9	7
Robbery of personal property	2	0	1	0
Stalking and harassment	30	43	46	32
Vehicle offences	0	0	0	1
Violence with injury	3	0	1	1

Violence without injury	0	2	1	2
Total	83	153	129	117

Year	Total Charged
2022	4
2023	5
2024	4
2025	3

Year/Victim Gender	Female	Male	Not Recorded	No Victim
2022	27	48	5	3
2023	41	99	5	8
2024	46	77	3	3
2025	38	72	2	5

Year	Under 18	Over 18
2022	2	78
2023	8	137
2024	3	123
2025	6	106
