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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015198/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. In the financial years 2020/21, 21/22, 22/23, 23/24, 24/25, how many people aged 16 or under were arrested by your force for creating indecent images of children? Please provide breakdown by year.***
- 2. In the same financial years, how many people aged 16 or under were arrested by your force for distributing indecent images of children? Please provide a breakdown by year.***
- 3. In the same financial years, how many people aged 16 or under were arrested by your force for viewing indecent images of children? Please provide a breakdown by year. Of these arrests, how many were convicted? Please provide a breakdown by offence.***

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.

Data provided is from April 2020-March 2025 with a search completed using CJSS Offence Classification codes CJ09001, CJ88115, CJ88115A, PK78001, PK78002, PK78003, PK78003I, PK78005 and PK78008 filtered to show results under the age of 16.

Please note for part 3 – GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.

Due to some low results, the data has been combined over the 5year period requested as by providing all this information split by individual years 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 the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Question1.

Results for offence titles:

- Make indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child.
- Permit taking of indecent photo / pseudo-photograph of a child.
- Possess a prohibited image of a child.
- Possess indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child.
- Attempt to possess an indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child.
- Take an indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child.
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Question 2.

Results for offence titles:

- Distribute an indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child.
- Incite the distribution of indecent photograph or pseudo- photograph of children.
- Possess to show / distribute - indecent photograph / pseudo-photograph of a child.

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