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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016044/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- *How many arrests were made by your force in 2023 for the offence 'encouraging serious self-harm to a child under Section 184 of the Online Safety Act 2023'?*
- *How many people were charged in your force area for this offence in 2023?*

- *How many arrests were made by your force in the annual year 2024 for the offence 'encouraging serious self-harm to a child under Section 184 of the Online Safety Act 2023'?*
- *How many people were charged in your force area for this offence in 2024?*

- *How many arrests were made by your force in 2025 for the offence 'encouraging serious self-harm to a child under Section 184 of the Online Safety Act 2023'?*
- *How many people were charged in your force area for this offence in 2025?*

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.

Year	Total Arrests	Charged
2023	0	0
2024	0	0
2025	2	2