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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016473/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you provide me with the following information for the current full year of data you have available (e.g 2025) and the previous year, for example: 2024 - 2025.

- 1. How many instances of offences were reported to the police forced that included the name of the gaming platform "Roblox".***
 - a. A breakdown of the type of offence i.e. "Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13", "Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16", "Sexual grooming", "Engage in sexual communication with a child", "Social extortion or 'sextortion'."***
- 2) Please can you also provide a redacted copy of the free text crime reports for these offences recorded by your force for the most recent year available - for example between January 2025 and January 2025.***
- 3) Provide a specific age breakdown for each of these offences towards whom crime was purported***
 - a) and where under-16s, are mentioned, please could you highlight specifically the ages of the teenagers impacted by subsequent offence. E.g 10 years of age, 11 years of ages, 12 years of age etc***

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, I am not obliged to supply all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Due to low results, question 3 is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

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 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2025 where the Crime Description or Crime MO descriptions contains 'roblox', 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.
 - The crime description or crime MO description may contain sensitive information and should be redacted before the data is released to the requester.
 - Where redactions occur with XXX, this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data. In addition, Due to some low results, some data will have been replaced with X as by providing all this information split by individual ages 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.

Question 1 & 1a.

A total of 55 logs.

Crime	Total
All other theft offences	7
Miscellaneous crimes against society	9
Other sexual offences	16
Public order offences	X

Rape	X
Stalking and harassment	15
Violence with injury	X
Violence without injury	X

Question 2.

As requested, a redacted copy of the free text crime MO – January 2025 – January 2025.

Concern for XXX School reporting XXXX being exploited. XXX has messaged XXX asking for £1000 or XXX XXX DXXX would get hurt, XXX for around 3 years on games such as Roblox XXX XXX

Question 3.

See exemption above.
