

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
**Our ref:** FOI/26/016573/X

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016573/X**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information relating to sexual offences involving licensed taxi and private hire drivers.  
Please provide, for the most recent three full calendar years (2023; 2024; 2025) available, the following information:***

***Please break it down by year for each question (2023; 2024; 2025).***

***1. The number of recorded sexual offences in which the offender was convicted of the offence and identified as a licensed taxi driver or private hire driver.***

***1a) If possible, please break this down by offence type: rape, sexual assault, assault by penetration, etc...***

***2. Of these, how many offenders carried out the offence against victims who were passengers with them at the time***

***2a) If possible, please break this down by offence type: rape, sexual assault, assault by penetration, etc...***

***For the purposes of this request, please interpret "taxi driver" to include both hackney carriage drivers and private hire drivers, where this information is recorded.***

***I would prefer to receive the information in electronic form, ideally as a spreadsheet or CSV file.***

***Thank you for your assistance!***

## **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:**

1. The crime grand total is all Rape & Other Sexual Offences crimes for the period 01/01/2023-31/12/2025.
2. The data is based on when the crime was recorded and not when the crime was committed.
3. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
4. The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/ or updated.

**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.**

Due to the low numbers returned, the information requested has been merged together as by providing all this information split by year 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 merging this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

GMP has a total of **15 crimes** recorded where the offenders have been convicted. All of the crimes involved the victim being a passenger.

Due to the low numbers returned, the breakdown of the crime type has been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, 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.