

Date: 29/07/2026
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017181/P

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017181/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 about the use of the updated offence of administering a harmful substance (including spiking) which was brought in this year through the Crime and Policing Act 2026, which updates Section 24 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861.

Please provide any data you have that relates to the new offence, which falls under the former offence code 008/02, for the period of April 29th 2026 to present.

Please provide:

1. *The number of offences recorded by your force under this new spiking offence.*
2. *Any recorded outcomes to the crimes in question 1 that are held on your system, with any detail on police action if available. E.g. status of the crime.*
3. *The gender and age of the victims, if available.*
4. *The gender and age of the suspects, if available.*
5. *The date on which the data was extracted.*

If your force cannot identify this new offence, please explain how officers record this crime now the changes are in place, so I can evaluate what specific category/crime code I am enquiring about.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have 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.

The data is based on recorded crimes with the HO Code 008/02 for the period 29/04/2026 to 08/07/2026.

Where possible, duplicates have been removed.

'Missing Value' or 'Unknown/ Not Known' means that this field hasn't been populated on our operating systems.

The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

1.

Volume of Offences Recorded (008/02)
106

2.

Crime Status		
Open	Re-opened	Closed
68	1	37

GMP Latest Outcome	Crime Count
Decision Pending (98)	4
Locate Trace (15E)	5
Missing Value	84
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)	8
Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)	5

3.

Victim Gender	Crime Count
Female	48
Male	52
Missing Value	6

Victim Age At Time Crime Committed	Crime Count
0-9	0
10-19	19
20-29	35
30-39	21

40-49	15
50-59	10
60+	1

4.

Suspect Gender	Crime Count
Female	7
Male	16
Missing Value	83

Suspect Age At Time Crime Committed	Crime Count
0-9	0
10-19	6
20-29	2
30-39	2
40-49	10
50-59	3
60+	0
Unknown/Missing	83

5. 09/07/2026.