

Friday, 31 July 2026

Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017287/Y

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017287/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For all arrests recorded under Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 between 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2025 (inclusive), please provide a breakdown of those arrests by the recorded communication method or medium used in the alleged offence.

For example, where recorded, this might include categories such as:

Social media post

Social media message

Email

Text message (SMS)

Instant messaging application

Telephone call

Letter

Parcel

Other physical article

Any other equivalent categories recorded on your system

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

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

The search conducted using the below parameters:

- Arrest dates between 31/12/2024 – 31/12/2025.
- Offence code MT88 007 – S1 Malicious Communications Act 1988.
- Manual reviews were carried out on the 'MO' of the crime for '*Recorded Communication Method*'

Data

Number	Recorded Communication Method.
1	WhatsApp and Voice messages.
2	Sends messages via WhatsApp
3	Calls
4	Phone call
5	Messages
6	Messages
7	Telephony and voice messages.
8	Email
9	Messages on Facebook.
10	Message
11	Messages
12	Messages
13	Phone call
14	Messages
15	Email