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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016155/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you send me the number of incidents (complaints/allegations/arrests/call outs) that the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crimes' relating to buses for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, as well as the combined total for these years.

Clarification asked for - Please could you send me the number of incidents relating to or on buses for 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, as well as the combined total for these years.

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.

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 incidents with a created date between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2025 where the title, details or contact comments contains 'bus', excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training. 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.

This data contains incidents with a created date between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2025 with a T71 – Bus qualifier code, excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training. Please note:

- This qualifier has been in use since October 2025, therefore no records prior to that are available, and some issues with consistent use of the flag have previously been identified.

This data contains incidents linked to crimes with a created date between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2025, where the MO keyword 'bus' has been applied. The MO keywords are not mandatory and may not be completed.

- There may be relevant records missing from our response where this field has not been completed.
- As these are optional fields, an increase or decrease in crime volume where these fields are part of the filtering may not indicate a true increase or decrease of the volume of these crimes, but may reflect a change in usage of this field.

Results

1. Count of incidents with the new qualifier code (T71 – Bus) = **213** unique incidents
2. Count of incidents from crimes that were flagged with 'bus' in the MO key word fields = **6,067** records
3. Count of incidents where 'bus' is included in either the title, details or contact comment free text fields = **305,408**.