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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016211/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information act to request data you have recorded on exposure offences/investigation.

Specifically, I request the following information. Please use the table templates.

- 1) *How many new exposure investigations were opened, how many exposure investigations were finalised, how many of the finalised investigations had a named investigating officer allocated, and how many were linked to an attending officer, in each calendar year from 2019 to 2025? I specifically mean offence title of exposure, rather than the wider offence category of exposure and voyeurism. See below table for clarity:*

YEA R	EXPOSURE INVESTIGATION S OPENED	EXPOSURE INVESTIGATION S FINALISED	OF THE FINALISED EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS , NUMBER WHICH WERE ALLOCATED TO A NAMED INVESTIGATING OFFICER	OF THE FINALISED EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS , NUMBER WHICH WERE LINKED TO AN ATTENDING OFFICER
2019				
2020				
2021				

2022				
2023				
2024				
2025				

- 2) How many of the exposure investigations which were finalised each year were closed within a day of being opened? How many were finalised within a week of being opened? For simplicity please base this on dates rather than hours. i.e. opened on 1st of month and closed by the 2nd (date + 1) or opened on 1st and closed by the 8th (date+7) for example. See below table:

YEAR	EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS FINALISED WITHIN 1 DAY	EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS FINALISED WITHIN 7 DAYS
2019		
2020		
2021		
2022		
2023		
2024		
2025		

- 3) Of the exposure investigations finalised each year, please break down by offence outcome per year (outcome 1-22 or other/na), where for example type 1 includes 1A/alternative offence etc. See below table:

INVESTIGATION OUTCOME (EXPOSURE OFFENCE FINALISED IN YEAR)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Type 1							
Type 2							
Type 3							
Type 4							
Type 5							
Type 6							
Type 7							
Type 8							
Type 9							
Type 10							
Type 11							
Type 12							
Type 13							
Type 14							
Type 15							
Type 16							
Type 17							
Type 18							
Type 19							

Type 20							
Type 21							
Type 22							
Other/NA							

Thank you, if you have any queries I am happy to clarify.

I also note your clarification/amendment, provided on 23/01/2026:

I recently sent an FOI request (subject line – FOI request: recorded exposure offences)

I have received some requests for clarification about the question ‘OF THE FINALISED EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS, NUMBER WHICH WERE LINKED TO AN ATTENDING OFFICER’. What I meant by this is “was a police officer physically deployed to attend and investigate the offence (at any point over the course of the investigation)”.

I have been told that this should be an easily retrievable data point on NICHE. If this is not the case for your force or computer system and if it is likely to invoke a section 12 then please exclude this part of the question.

See updated wording below:

- 1) *How many new exposure investigations were opened, how many exposure investigations were finalised, how many of the finalised investigations had a named investigating officer allocated, and how many were deployed to at any point, in each calendar year from 2019 to 2025? I specifically mean offence title of exposure, rather than the wider offence category of exposure and voyeurism. See below table for clarity:*

YEA R	EXPOSURE INVESTIGATION S OPENED	EXPOSURE INVESTIGATION S FINALISED	OF THE FINALISED EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS , NUMBER WHICH WERE ALLOCATED TO A NAMED INVESTIGATING OFFICER	OF THE FINALISED EXPOSURE INVESTIGATIONS , NUMBER WHICH AN OFFICER ATTENDED IN PERSON AT ANY POINT
2019				
2020				
2021				
2022				
2023				
2024				
2025				

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 provide all the information requested as exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, when refusing to provide such information (because the 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.

The number of ongoing investigations for some years is exempt under **Section 30(1)(2)(a) – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities**. Where the total is replaced with an X in the table below this is because the number is between 0 and 5. Section 30 is a class-based, qualified exemption. There is a requirement to carry out a public interest test, which can be seen below.

Factors Favouring Disclosure

To disclose the information requested into the public domain would show GMP's accountability and satisfy the public that investigations into exposure crimes are being conducted. It would also show GMP's use of public funds in investigating incidents of this nature.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

We accept that there is a legitimate and important public interest in publishing information about the number of ongoing investigations. However, conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release information that is related to small numbers of investigations that remain ongoing may seriously undermine GMP's ability to complete the investigations to a full and correct conclusion. Putting this information into the public domain could inform people who have committed exposure offences that they are no longer under investigation, and this would embolden them to commit further offences. This would hinder GMP's law enforcement capabilities as resources would have to be dedicated to investigating those crimes.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain, therefore arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be the fact that disclosure would encourage transparency. This needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure, which in this case is the increase of crimes that will be committed. Therefore, having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.

Additionally, the information relating to whether the crime scenes were physically attended by an officer cannot be collated within the cost limit specified in **Section 12(1)**. GMP do not use NICHE, and attending officer details is not a searchable field on our crime recording system. The only way to establish whether the scene was attended by an officer would be to manually review each crime. In line with your clarification/amendment email, we have disregarded this part of your request.

The remainder of the information in your request is not exempt and has been provided below. It is subject to the following **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 provided for this request is based on a search of 088/09 crime codes recorded between 01/01/2019 to 31/12/2025 inclusive. The data has been displayed by calendar year.

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

Duplicates have been removed where possible.

Please note the date is based on the 'Crime Recorded' date and not when the Incident occurred.

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

Year	Open	Closed	Closed Crimes allocated to a Named/ Attending Officer
2019	X	443	All crimes recorded will be investigated and allocated to an investigating officer.
2020	X	440	
2021	X	598	
2022	X	577	
2023	X	638	
2024	14	650	
2025	57	664	

Year	Exposure Investigations Finalised within 1 Day	Exposure Investigations Finalised within 7 Days
2019	104	174
2020	145	204
2021	135	219
2022	147	267
2023	171	318
2024	149	254
2025	140	263

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Year							
A Community Resolution (with or without formal restorative justice) (Formal Police Diversion Scheme) (8D)	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
A Community Resolution (with or without formal restorative justice) (Informal Police Action) (8C)	-	-	1	-	2	6	6
Adult Caution (3A)	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
Adult Conditional Caution (3B)	1	-	-	2	1	4	2
Charge (1 A)	26	37	42	41	51	43	64
Charged Alternative Offence (1C)	2	2	4	6	9	5	9
Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest. (22)	1	1	1	1	2	1	3
Eliminated (99A)	1	1	2	2	1	-	1
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)	22	39	73	74	50	25	27
Further Invest Not in Public Interest (Pol) (21)	11	12	18	5	12	11	16
Invalid/ Missing Value	20	-	17	16	39	29	30
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	245	223	265	253	285	272	263
Named Suspect U10 Yrs (11)	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
Named Suspect Too Ill (12)	1	2	-	6	2	3	1
Not In Public Interest (Cps) (9)	3	-	2	-	1	-	-
Offender Has Died (5)	-	1	1	1	1	3	2
Outcome 20 - Referred to Other Agency (96)	-	1	2	4	3	-	-
Prosecution Not in Public Interest (Pol) (10)	6	1	2	3	1	-	2
Prosecution Time Limit Expired (17)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Restorative Justice 1 (8A)	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Restorative Justice 2 (8B)	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Summons (1B)	7	2	7	1	1	1	-
Summoned Alternative Offence (1D)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Susp not id'd-victim refuses (14A)	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)	7	12	13	8	4	16	2
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)	28	38	65	79	106	131	143
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Other (15C)	1	-	-	1	5	-	-
Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)	49	63	78	72	60	99	92