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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016332/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REFINED REQUEST - 01/FOI/26/016229/K

Thank you for this response. Based on it I will revise my request in two ways. First, I will reduce the time period to just 2025. Secondly, I will reduce the terms to just 'Tinder', 'Tindr' and 'Grindr'.

1.) for 2025 inclusive, what was the total number of offences recorded involving the terms 'Tinder', 'Tindr' and 'Grindr'. Please provide a breakdown of the total number of offences for each keyword, anonymised as necessary to protect the identity of individuals. (Note: I am aware that Grindr and Tinder are often misspelled so I have provided a list of typos below to include in your search for those platforms)

2.) For each recorded incident, please provide the following details: date of offence, dating platform/keyword linked to crime, offence description, victim age, victim gender, suspect age, suspect gender and crime outcome where possible, anonymised as necessary to protect the identity of individuals.

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 supply all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this 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 ages of the victims or suspects are exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, 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.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

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 crimes with a created date between 01/01/2025 and 31/12/2025 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'tinder', 'tindr' or 'grindr', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB. 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.

A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing, and an outcome has not yet been applied.

Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:

- The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
- The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
- Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
- The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.
- An age of '-3' indicates there is no suspect attached.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects.
- Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.
- We are aware of a system issue that allows more than one victim to be attached to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules

The data provided below has been provided in separate tables and some low results have been replaced with X as by providing all this information split by individual recorded incident 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 replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Question 1.

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Question 2.

Month 2025	Total
Jan	15
Feb	17
March	10
April	13
May	10
June	25
July	17
Aug	12
Sept	19
Oct	17
Nov	24
Dec	12

Offence	Total
Breach of a Sexual Harm Prevention Order	X
Blackmail	98
Harassment	14
Common assault and battery	X
Rape of a male aged under 16	X
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	9
Stalking involving fear of violence	4
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	4
Putting people in fear of violence	X
Abuse of position of trust: causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity - Male child aged 13 - 17	X
Theft if not classified elsewhere	X
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	6
Take/ make / distribute indecent photographs or pseudo- photographs, of children	X
Engage in sexual communication with a child	X
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress	X
Rape of a male aged 16 or over	X
Threaten to share intimate photograph or film	4
Pursue a course of conduct in breach of S1 (1) which amounts to stalking	X
Sexual assault on a female	X
Sexual assault on a male	X
Send indecent or grossly offensive communication to cause distress or anxiety	X
Administering poison with intent to injure or annoy	X
Robbery - personal	10
Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation	X

Administering a substance with intent	X
Share photograph or film of person in intimate state without consent	X
Sharing intimate photograph or film to cause alarm, distress or humiliation, or for sexual gratification	5
Rape of a female aged under 16	X
Other criminal damage to a residence £500 - £5000	X
Breach of conditions of injunction against harassment	X
Send photograph or film of genitals to cause alarm distress or humiliation	X

Outcome	Total
Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	X
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	104
Missing Value	14
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	16
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	17
Charged/Summoned	10
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	24
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	X
Charged/Summoned Alternative Offence	X
Caution - Adults Alternative Offence	X

- The Tinder Flag was ticked a total of 115 times.
- The Grindr Flag was ticked a total of 76 times.

Victim Gender	Total	Suspect Gender	Total
Male	146	Male	10
Female	36	Female	40
Unknown	9	Unknown	141