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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015931/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:

- 1) How many offences under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 the force has recorded in each of the following years - 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.*
- 2) How many arrests have been made in connection with these offences.*

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 some of 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.

We have identified the following Home Office offence codes linked to the legislation in your request:

Home Office Code	Offence	Legislation	Home classification	Office classification description
053/34	Unauthorised access to computer material with intent to commit or facilitate commission of further offences	Computer Misuse Act 1990 Sec 2	NFIB50	Computer Misuse Crime
053/35	Unauthorised acts with intent to impair or recklessness as to impairing, operation of computer, etc	Computer Misuse Act 1990 Sec 3	NFIB50	Computer Misuse Crime
053/54	Unauthorised access to computer material	Computer Misuse Act 1990 as amended by Police and Justice Act 2006	NFIB50	Computer Misuse Crime
053/55	Making, supplying or obtaining articles for use in offence under sections 1 or 3	Computer Misuse Act 1990 as added by Police and Justice Act 2006	33A	Making, Supplying or Possessing Articles for Use in Fraud
068/02	Unauthorised act in relation to a computer causing /creating risk of serious damage	The Computer Misuse Act 1990 Sec 3ZA (1) and (6) as amended by the Serious Crime Act 2015 Sec 41	66	Other Offences against the State and Public Order
068/03	Unauthorised act in relation to a computer causing /creating risk of serious damage to human welfare / national security	The Computer Misuse Act 1990 Sec 3ZA (1) and (7) as amended by the Serious Crime Act 2015 Sec 41	66	Other Offences against the State and Public Order

Information is not held by GMP for the first three offences on the above list. These are Fraud offences. Please contact the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (Part of the City of London Police) for this information.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2019 and 30/11/2025 where the HO 5-digit code is '053/55', '068/02', or '068/03', excluding cancelled crimes Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

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Year	Crime Count
2019	0
2020	1
2021	0
2022	3
2023	4
2024	1
2025	0
Total	9

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