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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/016047/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to request the below information under the Freedom of Information Act:

- a) The total number of recorded offences of indecent images (still or moving) of children and prohibited images of children for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.*
- b) The number of recorded offences which related to pseudo images of children or where Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated child abuse image was detected.*
- c) For each offence for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 please break it down by the platform used to commit the offence where known using the following key word search: Snapchat, Facebook/Messenger, Instagram, WhatsApp, X/Twitter, Kik, TikTok, YouTube, Discord, Skype, Facetime, Roblox, Oculus, VR, Metaverse, Only Fans, Signal, iCloud, iMessage, Dropbox, Mega, Patreon, Reddit, Imgur, and other social media or messaging site, other cloud storage sites and online gaming.*
- d) What is the total number of perpetrators linked to the offences in question a?*

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, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP would be unable to respond to this request in full without carrying out a manual review on parts B and C of your request. Our systems do not record this level of detail in a way that can be easily

extracted without a review being completed. A search has revealed over 2000 results and to review each of these would far exceed the 18hrs set out in the FOIA.

In this instance, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduced time frame and/or a reduction in the volume of requested information, an example could be removing B and C from any revised request. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.