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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017236/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025, please provide the following information, if held:

Does your force hold any recorded information relating to investigations involving victims under the age of 16 where a prosecution could not proceed because the statutory prosecution time limit had expired?

If yes, please provide:

The number of such investigations.

Of those investigations, how many involved summary-only offences.

Where recorded, the offence category (for example, common assault).

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 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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 1st Jan 2020 and 31st Dec 2025, where the HO Outcome Code is 17 - Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired and the victim is aged under 16 years, excluding cancelled crimes and

crimes classified as non-counting 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.

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.

All Outcome 17						
Crime Latest Classification : HO Offence Level	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	10	29	19	9	13	11
Assault or assault by beating on a constable	1	0	0	0	0	0
Causing a person to engage in sexual activity without consent - Female person	0	0	0	0	0	1
Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress	0	5	10	3	7	5
Common assault and battery	86	178	156	136	183	117
Cruelty to and neglect of children	0	1	0	1	1	0
Fear or provocation of violence	0	3	2	4	7	2
Harassment	1	8	7	2	11	7
Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other criminal damage to a residence	0	0	0	1	0	0
Putting people in fear of violence	0	1	0	0	0	1
Racially or Religiously Aggravated wounding or grievous bodily harm	0	0	0	0	1	0
Resisting or wilfully obstructing a designated or accredited person in the execution of their duty	0	0	1	0	0	0
Send false communication with intent to cause harm	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety	1	0	0	1	1	0
Sexual activity with a child under 16 - Female child penetration	0	2	0	0	0	0
Stalking involving serious alarm/distress	0	1	0	0	0	0
Threats to Kill	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	99	229	195	158	225	146

Summary-only outcome 17						
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Resisting or wilfully obstructing a designated or accredited person in the execution of their duty	0	0	1	0	0	0
Send false communication with intent to cause harm	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	87	194	176	145	208	132