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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017383/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

The number of alleged-crime reports linked to Minecraft that were sent to the force each year for the past decade. Please could you let me know which ages were affected and what crimes were alleged.

2. Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

The number of alleged-crime reports linked to Roblox that were sent to the force each year for the past decade. Please could you let me know which ages were affected and what crimes were alleged.

CLARIFICATION

The relevant keywords are just “Minecraft” and “Roblox” please.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information 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 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2025 where the crime description or crime MO description contains either 'minecraft' or 'roblox', 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.

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.

19 of the 170 crimes were linked to Minecraft and the remaining 151 were linked to Roblox.

Crime Latest Classification : Crime Tree Level Four	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
All other theft offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	7	13
Burglary in a dwelling	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal damage and arson offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Miscellaneous crimes against society	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	7	6	20
Other sexual offences	0	2	1	2	2	7	6	8	13	11	11	63
Public order offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Stalking and harassment	0	0	1	1	1	2	8	4	16	9	12	54
Vehicle offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Violence with injury	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	5
Violence without injury	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	5
Total	1	2	3	3	4	11	16	17	34	33	46	170

Age Bracket	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
5 – 10	-	-	1	2	3	3	5	5	10	9	5
11 – 15	-	1	1	1	-	6	4	5	10	12	21
16 – 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	4	5
21 – 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
26 – 30	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
31 – 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
36 – 40	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1
41 – 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
46 – 50	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
51 – 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1