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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016122/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For clarity, I have asked all forces in the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland), for the same information, and the research is not specific to your force, but trying to capture a more national picture of the following:

- 1. Q: How many members of the force in the past three years have been sacked by the force for the offence of key-jamming? Key-jamming, for clarity, is a practice in which people can falsely appear to be working, and usually involves placing an object on a keyboard.***
- 2. Please provide the information in a year by year format, along with the figure.***
- 3. If any other detail can be provided about the specifics, then please include. Where possible, please provide the information within the timeframe set out by the statute.***

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 of the information you have requested as an exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, 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.

This request is exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**.
The response to this request is available online. Please follow the link below for the year 2025.

[Greater Manchester Police sackings over homeworking 'key jamming' - BBC News](#)

Please note – There have been non prior to 2025.

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