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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016229/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm writing to you in the hope you could help me acquire as much information as possible relating to crimes that have been linked to dating platforms since 2019.

Full disclosure of the data outlined below would be much appreciated, and as specified under the Freedom of Information Act I would be grateful for your advice and direction if you feel there's a way of better refining my request to allow you to retrieve the information I'm interested in.

Please do feel free to contact me to clarify the below request if necessary.

If possible, if you could disclose your response in an Excel spreadsheet that would be really helpful.

*For question one, please structure the worksheet with column headings as follows:
Dating platform, No of offences 2019, No of offences 2020, No of offences 2021, No of offences 2022, No of offences 2023, No of offences 2024, No of offences 2025.*

*For question two, please structure the worksheet with the following column headings:
Date, dating platform, offence description, outcome, victim age, victim gender, suspect age, suspect gender*

*1.) Between January 1 2019 and December 31 2025 inclusive, what was the total number of offences recorded involving the terms Grindr, Tinder, Hinge, Bumble?
Please provide a breakdown of the total number of offences for each keyword, anonymised as necessary to protect the identity of individuals. (Note: I am aware that Grindr and Tinder are often misspelled so I have provided a list of typos below to include in your search for those platforms)*

2.) For each recorded incident, please provide the following details: date of offence, dating platform/keyword linked to crime, offence description, victim age, victim gender, suspect age, suspect gender and crime outcome where possible, anonymised as necessary to protect the identity of individuals.

According to Google search data these are common typos often used by users searching for these apps, so please include these typos in your searches for these apps to capture common misspellings.

Grindr: Grinder, Grindr

Tinder: Tindr

Hinge: Hing

Bumble: BumbI

Again, if you feel this request should be refined in order to get as much information as possible within cost and time limits, please contact me to discuss as soon as you are able

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.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the recorded crimes that relate to this request. We have searched for crimes created between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2025 where 'grindr', 'tinder', 'hinge', or 'bumble' appear somewhere in the crime description or crime MO description, however, to fully understand if these relate to "incident/crimes" linked to these platforms would require a review as our system does not allow for an easier extraction in its current recording form. There are 4,456 records that would need to be manually reviewed to ascertain which records are relevant to this request and as such this would exceed 18hrs to review each of these even at a reduced rate of 5 minutes per each check.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations

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 much smaller time frame. 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.

Please note – There may be some available data that may be of use via GMP publication scheme on our website here – [Published items | Greater Manchester Police](#)

For example I have located this one [foi.25.014949.g-grindr.pdf](#) using a keyword in the search option.