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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016983/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:

- 1. The number of incidents recorded by Greater Manchester Police since 2021 in which '764', 'CVLTIST', 'Harm Nation', 'COM network', or 'No Lives Matter' appear in the incident log or crime report.*
- 2. The number of those incidents that resulted in (a) a crime being recorded; (b) an arrest; (c) a charge.*
- 3. Whether Greater Manchester Police has received any safeguarding referrals from schools, social services, or healthcare providers related to suspected 764 grooming or sextortion since 2021.*
- 4. The number of young people (under 18) identified as victims of 764-related sextortion or grooming by GMP since 2021.*

I am aware this request touches on sensitive child safeguarding matters. I am requesting statistical data only and no personal data about victims or suspects.

If any part of this request is refused, please specify the exemption relied upon and explain why the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. If any exemption is applied, please give a detailed explanation for how the exemption applies in relation to my request.

Please provide all materials in electronic formats where possible.

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all incidents created between 01/01/2021 and 03/06/2026 where the keywords you provided appear in the title, detail or contact comments. A manual review would be necessary to establish which of the incidents is relevant to the request.

A search of our incident records shows that there are 11,000 incidents that would have to be reviewed manually. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 917 hours to ascertain the data required. Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. 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 and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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.