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Our ref: FOI/26/017148/O

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017148/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The number of reports of filming in changing rooms of leisure centres. I would like this information for the last five financial years (up until 31 March 2026) and if possible, to include the name of the leisure centre involved.

CLARIFICATION

If you are able to use that field of leisure complex, that would be great.

In terms of specific offences, I believe it would fall under these two:

88E Voyeurism: Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 67

88E Up-skirting: Sexual Offences Act 2003 Sec 67A

It would probably be more likely to be classed as voyeurism but upskirting might be relevant too.

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. However, I am not obliged to provide all the information requested as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) 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.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Due to the low numbers, the exact locations and yearly breakdown have been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

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 April 2021' and '31 March 2026', with a HO 5 digit code of '088/10' or '088/12' and with 'Leisure Complex' in the Crime MO Sub Category, 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.

Please note, the MO keywords are not mandatory and may not be completed, therefore there may be relevant records missing from our response where this field has not been completed.

Total number of crimes returned – 16.