

Tuesday, 14 July 2026  
Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017155/N

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017155/N**

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

1. *Please can you state for crime reports recorded by your force, the number in which the crime report text (described as modus operandi reports by many forces) contains a mention of "Spotify" in each of the following calendar years:*
  - i) 2022
  - ii) 2023
  - iii) 2024
  - iv) 2025
  - v) 2026 (up to June 1)*Additionally, for part 1 - can you please state the type of offence too.*
2. *Please can you provide a redacted copy of the free text crime reports for these offences recorded by your force in between 1 January and 1 June 2026.*

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

**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 01/01/2022 and 01/06/2026 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'spotify', 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.
- Some offences may only be available for part of this time period i.e. they may have started or stopped being used during this period.

## Data

| Crime Latest Classification         | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Miscellaneous Crime Against Society | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Other Sexual Offences               | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 2    |
| Public Order Offences               | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    |
| Stalking and Harassment             | 1    | 2    | 2    | 7    | 8    |
| Violence without Injury             | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| Total                               | 2    | 2    | 3    | 11   | 11   |

Where redaction occurs (shown by XXX) this relates to **Section 40(2) Personal Information**, this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018, and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

| Crime MO Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Offender XXX, goes onto XXX social media and posts songs about their break up XXX                                                                                                                                                               |
| Offender XXX pursues a course of conduct amounting to harassment. Offender has shared AP's social media account details with unknown persons without AP's consent, XXX. XXX offender has then proceeded to communicate with the AP via Spotify. |
| XXX, AP has blocked the offender on all social media platforms of which suspect has made contact on Spotify and TikTok                                                                                                                          |
| XXX offender has turned up to AP address XXX                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| XXX offender has pursued a course of conduct amounting to harassment, by sending AP unwanted messages, causing harassment, alarm and distress.                                                                                                  |
| XXX offender, XXX, has been calling the AP on withheld numbers and has been creating new accounts to message XXX online.                                                                                                                        |
| XXX conversation with the AP via Spotify.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| XXX offender has sent an XXX to the AP via XXX.                                                                                              |
| XXX a/p then split up with the offender after this the offender has been consistently making contact with the informant through XXX spotify. |
| Victim reports offender, XXX offender has trying to take a mobile phone from the victim                                                      |
| Caller is reporting XXX has been having issues with XXX has been bombarding XXX with abusive messages, XXX                                   |