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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017182/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am requesting data on the specific offence of number-plate fraud held by Greater Manchester Police.

This type of offence is recorded under Home Office Code 814/03 offence title "Fraud, forgery etc. associated with registration and licensing documents" under Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 Secs 44 & 45. Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 Sec 65(1)(b) & (2).

Please only include data on the specific offence code 814/03, not including wider vehicle fraud offences in this category.

Please break down the total number of investigations where 814/03 is an included offence, including where it is a secondary/less serious offence in the investigation.

Additionally, please provide a summary count of the number of those investigations which also include a sexual offence or drug offence (there may be crossover/ if one involves both then please count it in all three columns).

I am requesting the data from the financial year beginning in 2023 to the latest available data 2025/2026.

I would like the data in an Excel spreadsheet please.

If you could please use the headings provided:

- Financial year***
- Total investigations opened where 814/03 is either the primary or a secondary offence***
- Number which also include (any) sexual offence on the same investigation***

- Number which also include (any) drug offence on the same investigation

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.

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 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2026 where the 5-digit code is 814/03, 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.

There is no way to identify if a crime is a primary or secondary offence, therefore we cannot provide this information.

Financial Year	Total
2023/24	4
2024/25	6
2025/26	7

Due to the low numbers returned the following data has been split from the above data as by providing all this information together would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By splitting this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

A manual review has been conducted of crimes recorded under HO Code 814/03, this review returned 2 crimes with a linked offence relating to drugs.