

Friday, 17 July 2026

Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017212/F

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017212/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. The number of crime reports since the beginning of 2024 until the receipt of this email in which Roblox was mentioned.*
- 2. In these reports, what crimes were alleged? E.g. blackmail, or stalking.*
- 3. How many people have been charged in cases where Roblox has been mentioned?*
- 4. How many of these cases are ongoing?*

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 01/01/2024 and 09/07/2026 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'roblox', 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.

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Crime Classification	Count
All other theft offences	11
Criminal damage and arson offences	X
Fraud	X
Miscellaneous crimes against society	16
Other sexual offences	28
Public order offences	5
Rape	X
Stalking and harassment	30
Violence with injury	X
Violence without injury	X

Where redaction occurs for any value less than 5 (shown by X) 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').

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4. Any data for proceeding & ongoing investigation is exempt by the virtue of the following exemption:

- **Section 30(1) – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities**

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption; there is a requirement to carry out a public interest test, which can be found below.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure on Section 30

To disclose the exempt information, into the public domain, would show GMP's accountability, and satisfy the public, that investigations into such incidents are being conducted correctly. It would also show GMP's use of public funds investigating incidents of this nature.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure on Section 30

Conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release the data that is from an investigation that remains open may seriously undermine GMP's ability to complete the investigation to a full and correct conclusion.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest Greater Manchester Police has to consider whether the information should be released into the public domain. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be openness. This needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure which may seriously undermine GMP's ability to complete the investigations to full and correct conclusions.

Having considered all the factors for and against disclosure, the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.