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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017150/I

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

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 about the use of the new spiking offence introduced in the Crime and Policing Act.

Please provide data relating to the new and updated spiking offence inserted into the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, which commenced on 29 April 2026.

For the period 29 April 2026 to the date this request is processed, please provide:

- 1. The number of offences recorded by your force under this new spiking offence.***
- 2. A breakdown of those offences by current investigation outcome or police action, including where available:***
 - o Arrest made;***
 - o Suspect charged or summonsed;***
 - o Out-of-court disposal;***
 - o No further action;***
 - o Investigation ongoing;***
 - o Any other outcome category used by your force.***

3. Gender and age of victims and suspects (if the force holds that information)

4. The date on which the data was extracted.

If your force cannot search specifically for this new offence, please explain how such offences are recorded and whether they are grouped under another offence code or category.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and 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.

1. The data provided for this request is based on a search of the HO crime codes 005/10, 008/02 and 088/05 recorded between 29/04/2026 to 30/06/2026 inclusive.
2. A Victim and Offender Report and Arrest report was run to obtain the data, cross referencing Names, D.O.B. and H/O codes to obtain Arrest figure
3. Duplicates have been removed where possible.
4. Please note the date is based on the 'Crime Recorded' date and not when the Incident occurred.
5. The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/ or updated.
6. Due to some low results, some data has been replaced with X as by providing all this information split by individual category as you have requested 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 replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

No. of Offences	Arrests
87	X

Outcomes						
Decision Pending	Further Action not in Public Interest	No Suspect Identified	Locate Trace	Insufficient Evidence	Victim Not Supporting	Missing Value
4	X	38	X	6	4	31

Gender-Victim		
Male	Female	Unknown
39	43	5

Gender-Offender		
Male	Female	Unknown
13	5	69

Age of Victim at time of Offence						
<18	18-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	Unknown
6	21	18	16	13	9	4

Age of Offender at time of Offence						
<18	18-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	Unknown
5	X	X	X	7	X	69