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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016924/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to rape allegations linked to dating applications.

*Please provide data for the period beginning 1 January 2019 up to 20 May 2026.
I am requesting:*

1. *The total number of recorded rape allegations/offences in which any of the following dating applications were referenced within the method of attack, occurrence log, crime report, investigation notes or any searchable field:*
 - *Tinder*
 - *Hinge*
 - *Bumble*
 - *Grindr*
 - *Feeld*
 - *Plenty of Fish / POF*
 - *Match.com*
 - *Happn*
 - *Badoo*
 - *eHarmony*
2. *Where possible, please provide a yearly breakdown for:*
 - *2019*
 - *2020*
 - *2021*
 - *2022*

- 2023
- 2024
- 2025
- 2026 (as of 20 May)

3. Please also provide, where available:

- The age of the victim (or age bracket if exact age cannot be disclosed)
- The age of the suspect
- Whether the suspect and complainant were previously unknown to one another
- The specific dating application referenced

For clarity, I am referring to rape offences recorded as:

- rape of a female aged 16 or over
- rape of a male aged 16 or over
- Any equivalent rape offence classifications involving victims under 16 where the dating app was referenced

If your systems cannot conduct searches across all requested applications, please conduct keyword searches for the individual app names listed above.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have 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.

The above data has been obtained by filtering the Crime Latest Classification to 'Rape', a key word search has then been conducted in the Crime Description MO field, where the following key words were searched - 'Tinder', 'Hinge', 'Bumble', 'Grindr', 'Feeld', 'Plenty of Fish', 'POF', 'Match.com', 'Happn', 'Badoo', 'eHarmony' & 'Dating App'. I have then removed duplicates from the data set and done a manual trawl of the MO to ensure it does relate to cases where the victim/suspect have met on a dating application.

The specific HO codes that appear in the data are:

Class	Sub Class	Offence Category	Offence	Full HO Code
Sexual Offences	Rape	19D Rape of a Female Child under 16	Rape of a female aged under 16	019/07
Sexual Offences	Rape	19J Rape of a female - multiple undefined offenders	Rape of a female aged under 16	019/07
Sexual Offences	Rape	19C Rape of a Female aged 16 and over	Rape of a female aged 16 or over	019/08
Sexual Offences	Rape	19J Rape of a female - multiple undefined offenders	Rape of a female aged 16 or over	019/08

Sexual Offences	Rape	19G Rape of a Male Child under 16	Rape of a male aged under 16	019/09
Sexual Offences	Rape	19K Rape of a male - multiple undefined offenders	Rape of a male aged under 16	019/09
Sexual Offences	Rape	19F Rape of a Male aged 16 and over	Rape of a male aged 16 or over	019/10
Sexual Offences	Rape	19K Rape of a male - multiple undefined offenders	Rape of a male aged 16 or over	019/10
Sexual Offences	Rape	19C Rape of a Female aged 16 and over	Attempted rape of a female aged 16 or over	019/12
Sexual Offences	Rape	19J Rape of a female - multiple undefined offenders	Attempted rape of a female aged 16 or over	019/12
Sexual Offences	Rape	19F Rape of a Male aged 16 and over	Attempted rape of a male aged 16 or over	019/14
Sexual Offences	Rape	19K Rape of a male - multiple undefined offenders	Attempted rape of a male aged 16 or over	019/14

'Age of Victim' and 'Age of Offender' refer to the age at the time the offence occurred.

The 2026 data is only up to and including the 20th May 2026 as requested.

The data relates to the date the crime was recorded, not the date the crime was committed.

The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/ or updated.

Due to low numbers being returned for some crimes, some of the totals have been replaced with X, as by providing exact figures 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 this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Year		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Age of Victim	18 and Under	X	X	8	X	5	X	X	0
	19-29	11	11	7	10	14	15	11	13
	30-39	X	X	7	X	6	X	7	5
	40-49	X	X	X	7	X	X	0	X
	50-59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X
	60+	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0
	Unknown	0	X	0	0	0	0	X	0
Age of Suspect	18 and Under	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0
	19-29	X	7	12	5	11	8	9	6
	30-39	X	X	5	X	5	X	X	X
	40-49	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	0
	50-59	X	0	0	X	0	0	0	X
	60+	0	0	X	0	0	X	0	0
	Unknown	6	7	X	12	10	9	6	11

Victim Relationship	Aquaintance/Other Known Relationship	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Partner	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0
	Ex Partner	0	0	0	0	X	X	X	0
	Other Relative	0	0	X	0	0	0	0	0
	Other Sexual Relationship	0	0	0	X	X	X	0	0
	Stranger	0	X	X	X	X	0	0	X
	Unknown/No current suspect	14	16	16	19	20	17	17	19
Dating Application	Tinder	8	9	6	8	X	6	5	5
	Hinge	0	0	0	0	X	X	7	6
	Bumble	0	0	X	X	X	X	0	X
	Grindr	X	X	5	6	5	X	X	X
	Feeld	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X
	Plenty of Fish	X	7	X	X	X	0	X	0
	Match.com	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0
	Happn	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Badoo	X	X	X	0	X	X	0	X
	eHarmony	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other/Not Specified	X	0	8	7	13	5	7	X