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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015919/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1) Please can you state for offences recorded by your force, the number in which the crime report text (described as modus operandi reports by many forces) contains a mention of "roblox" in each of the following calendar years:

- i) 2020***
- ii) 2021***
- iii) 2022***
- iv) 2023***
- v) 2024***

Additionally, can you please state the type of crime too.

2) Please can you provide a redacted copy of the free text crime reports for these offences recorded by your force for the most recent year available - for example between October 2024 and October 2025.

3) How many instances of offences were reported to the police forced regarding the game "Roblox". Please provide a breakdown of the type of offence i.e. "Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 13", "Sexual Activity Involving A Child Under 16", "Sexual grooming", "Engage in sexual communication with a child". Etc.

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 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2024 where the crime description or crime MO description contains “roblox” excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. 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.
 - The title, details and contact comments contain sensitive information and have been redacted before the data is released.

Question 1

Crime	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Other sexual offences	6	5	8	13	10
Stalking and Harassment	2	8	4	16	8
Miscellaneous crimes against society	0	2	2	2	7
All other theft offences	0	0	2	0	1
Vehicle Offences	0	0	0	1	0
Violence without Injury	0	0	0	1	0
Public Order Offences	0	0	0	0	1
Violence with Injury	0	0	0	0	1

Question 2

Where redaction occurs (shown by ‘XXX’) within the below crime descriptions, 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 Description
Unknown offender uses app Roblox to engage in sexual communications with child.
Offender XXX. Between times stated, Offender has made contact via the platform Roblox to XXX child, despite conditions.
Offender, XXX, has contacted AP via Roblox, "bombarding" XXX with friend's requests over a period of time, XXX
ap has been playing on an online game ROBLOX and has made friends with a player who XXX believes is an adult XXX in exchange for in game currency.
AP has disclosed to a XXX that XXX has been contacted by XXX via Roblox. Offenders have messaged AP stating XXX

Offender has sent sexual messages via discord XXX and XXX on the game platform Roblox, XXX XXX REPORTS TO THE POLICE THAT XXX HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO MALICIOUS COMMUNICATIONS AT THE HANDS OF XXX OFFENDER WHO IS THE XXX THE OFFENDER PROCEEDED TO SEND A MESSAGE VIA "ROBLOX" XXX CAUSING PSYCHOLOGICAL HARASSMENT, ALARM, FEAR, DISTRESS
Offender XXX contacts XXX AP via an online gaming platform. Offender then sends the AP XXX Ap was on roblox and got a message XXX from the offender asking why they were banned, XXX Ap was alarmed and distressed by the comments made by offender.
Between stated times, the suspect named on Roblox as "XXX" begins conversation with a/p XXX Suspect has met the victim using an online game called ROBLOX. Following this they have exchanged contact numbers and have spoken through XXX. Whilst speaking on XXXX, the suspect has requested XXX.
Offender XXX following a dispute over a video game messages victim on social media XXX. XXX Offender going by name XXX on roblox game asked XXX, offender asked repeatedly and also asked XXX. XXX
XXX offender targets the A/P whilst XXX plays an online computer. As the A/P's user name on the game XXX, the offender targets the A/P with hate related and racist abuse XXX.
AP meets offender online whilst trying to buy roblox game, invited to play game with offender, XXX whilst offender recorded incident put XXX in state of fear, alarm and distress.
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XXX offender/s engage AP in conversation within online gaming platform Roblox. XXX.
XXX offenders pursue in a course of conduct amounting to Harassment causing alarm and distress.
Informant has reported that XXX had been playing ROBLOX online and suspect has somehow hacked in to victim game XXX. XXX
Roblox pets stolen with intent to sell them. XXX
XXX offender sends XXX AP sexual messages on Roblox XXX
XXX offender who is XXX has been sending emails to AP & messaging XXX on Roblox. XXX
XXX messaged XXX last night as XXX was on roblox and XXX.
XXX victim receives messages from XXX, requesting XXX
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AP has commented on a XXX saying XXX. XXX Offender has then said XXX and saying they will hack the APs Roblox account XXX
Victim has received messages through a game app called Roblox XXX.
XXX offender befriends victim on gaming platform ROBLOX, requests victim to download XXX.
XXX offender befriends XXX victim on internet gaming platform ; ROBLOX. Offender requests that the victim converses XXX
The informant is reporting on behalf of XXX who is receiving threats and ongoing harassment from XXX. The threats were made on the app Roblox XXX.
The AP has reported to the informant that he has been asked XXX. AP mentioned that XXX was playing the game Roblox when a XXX. XXX.
XXX. XXX for Roblox currency
The INF reports that XXX. The INF's discovery took place after the VIC's ROBLOX account was terminated XXX
A roblox user with the username of XXX and a display name of XXX has uploaded XXX
XXX offender/s approach ap's vehicle from unknown direction. XXX. offender/s remove property from within XXX.
XXX Suspect, having befriended the Victim online via online games site, XXX application where the Suspect made a XXX.
XXX contacts offender via Roblox and asks XXX to speak to the on XXX. XXX.
A/p and offender began to speak on the gaming platform Roblox a number of months ago, XXX.
XXX CHILD IN XXX ENGAGES IN CONVERSATION WITH XXX IDENTIFYING AS 'XXX' ON ROBLOX COMPUTER GAME, XXX
XXX offender makes contact with the victim over on-line gaming, offender then makes XXX and then makes XXX, XXX.

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AP is playing on the Roblox computer game. XXX offender engages the AP in conversation. The offender talks to the AP about XXX.
XXX offender has been sending inappropriate messages to XXX.
XXX offender has got into a relationship with XXX on 'ROBLOX' online gaming platform XXX.
XXX offender (XXX) whilst online playing roblox XXX.
AP over the last XXX has been subjected to online abuse and threats on different social media platforms. Inft who is XXX has stated that AP has XXX. XXX abuse online via a game called "ROBLOX".
AP has been engaging with an XXX person on social media sites, namely the game Roblox and XXX. XXX
APS ACCOUNT HAS BEEN HACKED ON ROBLOX AND OFFENDER IS CONTACTING XXX.
XXX offender who XXX gaming platform Roblox
ap who is XXX message from an XXX person pretending to be a friend XXX. the message asks ap if XXX on Roblox. XXX
XXX OFFENDER SENDS XXX TO INFORMANT XXX. USERNAME XXX.
XXX offender has entered the game roblox which APs XXX were playing on. The offender has then said on the game "XXX". XXX
XXX initially encountered the SUS online utilising the ROBLOX platform. XXX.
AP WHO IS XXX CONTACTED BY A XXX THROUGH AN ONLINE GAME CALLED ROBLOX OFFENDER GIVES AP XXX POINTS ON ROBLOX.
AP WHO IS XXX CONTACTED BY A XXXTHROUGH AN ONLINE GAME CALLED ROBLOX OFFENDER GIVES AP XXX AND ASKS XXX
Victim was on Roblox a online game where the XXX offender who XXX has sent messages to victim saying "XXX" "XXX" "XXX" and XXX offender starts a group chat on Roblox called "XXX"
AP was playing on Roblox when XXX offender has sent a message asking AP XXX. Offender then asks to "XXX" offender then takes APs XXX.
The informant has reported that the Victim who is currently XXX, has disclosed that XXX. The Victim met the XXX on Roblox XXX.
XXX offenders have conducted a course of unwanted and threatening behaviour towards the AP. Offenders have posted XXX on a ROBLOX game and XXX.
XXX offender who is XXX Victim who is XXX a friend request on XXX, conversation takes place, 'XXX'.
XXX offender was playing on the game Roblox, has sent to the victim, "XXX." XXX
AP has handed a parcel to police XXX.
XXX OFFENDER HAS HIT AP XXX
XXX offender has befriended a XXX over a online gaming site (Roblox) XXX has then started to have private chats with XXX.
XXX offender has befriended a XXX over a online gaming site (Roblox) XXX has then started to have private chats with XXX.
XXX this username has then asked a/p for XXX
XXX suspect speak with AP on line stating XXX would like to XXX.
XXX offender has harassed AP multiple times over the past year.
XXX HAD MADE FRIENDS WITH A PERSON THROUGH ROBLOX, XXX THIS PERSON WAS ASKING FOR XXX. THE OFFENDER ALSO REQUESTED XXX.
XXX victim who XXX has been talking online via Roblox with another XXX. XXX
A/P XXX who had recently disclosed XXX
XXX offender communicates with the victim in an indecent way by asking XXX.
Offender contacts XXX victim on social media app Roblox and offers to XXX. The offender then befriends victim on XXX and requests XXX.
Ap and Offender become friends whilst playing an online game "Roblox". Offender persuades Ap to join "XXX" and incites XXX. This causes Ap immense distress.

XXX offenders engage in XXX chats with XXX on the chat forum of the 'ROBLOX' gaming application.
XXX offender who is APs XXX. The XXX offender is repeatedly contacting AP XXX. The XXX offender is XXX. This has caused alarm and distress to the AP.
XXX offender who is APs XXX. This caused alarm and distress to the AP.
XXX the user of a Roblox account with the username of XXX has uploaded one XXX
XXX has shared XXX over a computer game platform Roblox
XXX offender (XXX) has on several occasions contacted the a/p (XXX) XXX. XXX.
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XXX offenders have hacked the APs laptop XXX.
XXX offender XXX the AP and has accused the AP XXX. Offender keeps making fake accounts XXX. XXX.
XXX Offender comments on a online chat saying "XXX" knowing the AP would see this.
XXX offenders have caused/ incited AP to XXX. The offenders had XXX.
INFT has reported that XXX online chat thread with an XXX person on a Roblox game. XXX.
XXX OFFENDER HAS FROM AN XXX LOCATION ENGAGED IN XXX.
Offender from the XXX AP on a game called "Roblox", XXX.
Victim has XXX.
XXX offender embarks on a course of conduct and sends AP XXX. Offender stated "XXX" and sends XXX. Offender then contacts AP on various social media platforms and rings XXX and Roblox asking XXX.
VICTIM and SUSPECT are friends through Roblox. SUSPECT has XXX.
XXX offender XXX AP's XXX is constantly making new accounts on several social media platforms trying to contact AP XXX.
Inf states that XXX to go onto Roblox online game so they could talk directly. XXX. Inf has now blocked Roblox XXX.
OFFENDER HAS TAKEN XXX
XXX Met on Roblox platform
BETWEEN PERIOD OF TIME STATED, THE XXX OFFENDER WHO IS BELIEVED TO BE XXX PROCEEDED TO MEET THE XXX IN A ONLINE GAME CALLED "ROBLOX" WHERE THEY HAD ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION, XXX, THE OFFENDER PROCEEDED TO MAKE FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE AP XXX.
XXX
Whilst playing XXX on Roblox, victim receives a message asking to XXX. The suspect makes the XXX. The victim asks XXX, and the suspect replies 'XXX'. This causes the victim distress.
XXX offender XXX approaches victim XXXX Offender walks away.

Question 3

Due to low numbers returned, the breakdown requested in question 3 has been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.