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Our ref: FOI/26/016174/M

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016174/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:
Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

I am writing to request the following information relating to communications offences

- *For each of the years 2024 and 2025 the number of arrests made by your force for each of the following offences*
 - o *Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988*
 - o *Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003*
 - o *Section 179, Part 10, of the Online Safety Act 2023 (false communications)*
 - o *Section 191, Part 10, of the Online Safety Act 2023 (threatening communications)*

I would like all document sent electronically please. Under Section 16 of the Act I also ask that if this request cannot be fulfilled under the legislation, that you offer advice and assistance to help the request comply with the act. I look forward to your response within 20 working days.

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.

A report using the dates and legislation specified has been run. The only options searchable were:

- Section 1 of the Malicious Communications Act 1988 (and Section 1(a))
- Section 127 of the Communications Act 2003

This search returned data for the Malicious Communications act only. There are 60 arrests of which 2 are Section 1 and 58 are Section 1(a).