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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016272/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please see my Freedom of Information request below. Can you please provide me with any details you can on:

1. *The number of offence records listed in your crime database where the social media app 'Snapchat' was used.*

Please identify these by conducting a free text search of your crime database, and provide information for every year between 2021 and 2026. Please give a figure for each year.

2. *A breakdown of the kind of offences recorded that involved Snapchat, for each year as above.*
3. *The age and gender of the victims, for each year as 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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2021 and 15/02/2026 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'snapchat', 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.

Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:

- The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
- The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
- Age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
- The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.

There are crimes in this response with no victim attached. These may be state based crimes (which do not need a victim), crimes where the victim has not been identified, or they may be errors.

We are aware of an issue with our crime recording system that allows more than one victim to be attached to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules.

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.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
All other theft offences	53	170	516	155	106	14
Bicycle Theft	X	X	X	X	0	X
Criminal damage and arson offences	6	5	8	8	5	X
Miscellaneous crimes against society	337	382	540	480	508	70
Other sexual offences	210	232	351	472	414	66
Possession of Drugs	0	0	0	X	X	X
Possession of weapon offences	X	5	X	7	7	X
Public order offences	32	38	75	66	69	11
Rape	22	24	23	36	33	10
Residential Burglary	0	X	X	0	X	0
Robbery of personal property	7	5	17	13	9	0
Shoplifting	0	0	0	X	0	0
Stalking and harassment	955	1171	1674	1200	1034	152
Theft from the person	X	X	6	X	X	0
Trafficking of drugs	5	X	X	X	X	X
Vehicle offences	X	X	X	X	0	0

Violence with injury	26	34	51	42	48	8
Violence without injury	43	59	79	96	74	19

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Male	393	611	1166	719	633	89
Female	959	1119	1647	1289	1127	190
Unknown/Not recorded	352	407	544	578	554	79

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
0-9	25	20	30	41	23	5
10-19	994	1355	1989	1454	1266	206
20-29	268	304	615	332	307	41
30-39	79	86	155	137	123	14
40-49	22	19	41	51	36	10
50-59	8	6	10	12	9	X
60+	X	X	X	6	7	0
Unknown/Not Recorded	305	344	515	552	540	79