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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016348/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Information requested:

- 1. The number of complaints recorded against officers or the force that include allegations of homophobia, homophobic behaviour, or discrimination based on sexual orientation, for each calendar year from 2019 to the most recent available complete year***
- 2. Where possible, please break down the figures by whether the complaint was made by a member of the public or made internally by a member of staff.***
- 3. Where possible, please break down the outcome of the complaint and whether it was upheld***
I wish to be informed in writing whether you have such information and, if so, I seek the disclosure of that information. If the information is covered by any exemptions, please disclose such information as is not covered by the exemptions.

Reasons why the disclosure of the information is in the public interest:

There is a clear public interest in transparency regarding allegations of discriminatory behaviour within policing. Disclosure of this information would help the public to understand the scale and handling of homophobia-related complaints within the force; support accountability and trust in policing among LGBTQ+ communities; and contribute to informed public debate and policymaking concerning equality, professional standards, and misconduct in public authorities.

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:

- Information provided at allegation level as opposed to case level as a case can contain more than one allegation against more than one subject & they can all have different outcomes.
- If the allegation was reported following a matter being capture in group chats/BWV etc I have categorised those in with the Police category.
- The data has been produced from cases reported to PSD that have been logged as a complaint or conduct matter between 01/02/2020 – 31/12/2025.
- Pre Feb 2020 some of this data is not available without a manual review, therefore the complete data has been provided from February 2020.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Police		2	4	6	9	4	25
Case to Answer			2	5	1	2	10
Discontinuance						1	1
No Case to Answer		2	2	1	8	1	14
Public	7	16	2	15	12	18	70
Case to Answer				1			1
No Case to Answer		5	1				6
No further action required	1				1	2	4
Not determined if the service acceptable	1	3			1		5
Not Resolved - NFA						2	2
Resolved		2			2	5	9
The service provided was acceptable	5	6	1	14	7	8	41
The service provided was not acceptable					1	1	2
Grand Total	7	18	6	21	21	22	95