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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016507/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Hello, I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your police force.

- *How many blackmail offences that could be considered "sextortion" have been reported to your force between 2020 and 2025?*
- *How many such offences has your force recorded for this period?*
- *How many prosecutions for this offence has your force recorded in this period?*

And

- *How many intimate image abuse offences have been reported to your force between 2020 and 2025.*
- *How many intimate image abuse offences has your force recorded in this period?*
- *How many prosecutions for this offence has your force recorded in this period?*

Can the information please be broken down for each calendar year?

Can the information be broken down into the following age categories

- *Under 10*
- *10-17*
- *18-21*
- *21-30*
- *30-40*
- *40-50*
- *50+*

Please provide this information in a written email response.

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

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. However, I am not obliged to supply you with all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. We are unable to provide a yearly breakdown for the victims' ages for victims of sextortion as this is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Section 40(2) represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of 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. Due to the low numbers, it would be possible to indirectly identify the individuals involved.

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.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test for such data.

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 data provided for this request is based on a search of the HO crime codes listed on the 'HO Codes' tab recorded between 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2025 inclusive. The data has been presented by calendar year.

For the 'Sextortion' part of this Blackmail crimes were used and then a keyword search of 'sextortion' completed on the Crime & MO Description field.

Duplicates have been removed where possible.

Please note the date is based on the 'Crime Recorded' date and not when the Incident occurred.

'Missing Value' or 'Unknown' means that this field has not been populated on our operating systems.

Intimate Abuse	Image	Crime Count
2020		325
2021		317
2022		473
2023		431
2024		619
2025		780

Intimate Abuse Age	Imagine Victim	Under 10	11 17	to	18- 20	21- 29	30- 39	40- 49	50+	Missing/ Unknown
2020		17	185		X	8	X	X	X	105
2021		17	201		X	8	6	X	0	78
2022		32	337		12	11	X	X	X	73
2023		21	313		X	X	X	X	0	88
2024		13	248		40	111	71	37	17	82
2025		18	213		76	147	110	48	24	144

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