

**Date:** 17/04/2026  
**Our ref:** 01/FOI/26/016696/H

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016696/H**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*I would like specific information regarding the following.*

- 1. Online harassment reported to Greater Manchester Police between 1st January 2021 - 1st January 2026.*
- 2. Online harassment reported to Greater Manchester Police between 1st January 2021 - 1st January 2026, that has led to arrests and prosecution.*
- 3. Online harassment reported to Greater Manchester Police between 1st January 2021 - 1st January 2026, that have been closed with no resolution.*

*Clarification – Please use HO Offence codes:*

- 008/72
- 195/94
- 005/28
- 138/52

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and 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 01/01/2021 and 01/01/2026 where the HO code is '008/72', '195/94', '005/28' or '138/52' and the online crime flag or cyber crime flag is 'Y', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as non-counting 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.

We are aware of a system issue affecting **migrated crimes with some crime flags**. This issue caused flags to be lost i.e. change from Yes to blank incorrectly during the migration process. The following flags are affected:

- Online crime flag

A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing, and an outcome has not yet been applied.

Please note - GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data for part of **question 2** as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.

#### Question 1.

There are 36,119 crimes recorded under the 4 HO codes with an online flag applied.

#### Question 2.

From the above total, 1,666 Custody Records have been located.

| Crime Latest Classification : HO 5 Digit Code | Custody Record Number Count |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 005/28                                        | 145                         |
| 008/72                                        | 1105                        |
| 138/52                                        | 13                          |
| 195/94                                        | 403                         |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>1666</b>                 |

#### Question 3.

| Outcome                                                                                                      | Crime Latest Classification : HO 5 Digit Code |        |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                                                                                              | 008/72                                        | 195/94 | 005/28 | 138/52 |
| <b>1 - Charged/Summonsed</b>                                                                                 | 278                                           | 61     | 34     | 1      |
| <b>1A - Charged/Summonsed Alternative Offence</b>                                                            | 161                                           | 47     | 9      | 0      |
| <b>2 - Caution - Youths</b>                                                                                  | 14                                            | 2      | 0      | 0      |
| <b>2A - Caution - Youths Alternative Offence</b>                                                             | 0                                             | 1      | 0      | 0      |
| <b>3 - Caution - Adults</b>                                                                                  | 102                                           | 44     | 18     | 4      |
| <b>3A - Caution - Adults Alternative Offence</b>                                                             | 5                                             | 4      | 0      | 0      |
| <b>4 - Taken Into Consideration</b>                                                                          | 4                                             | 2      | 0      | 0      |
| <b>5 - The offender has died (all offences)</b>                                                              | 2                                             | 1      | 0      | 1      |
| <b>6 - Penalty Notices for Disorder</b>                                                                      | 2                                             | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| <b>8 - Community Resolution</b>                                                                              | 366                                           | 255    | 41     | 10     |
| <b>9 - Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)</b>                                       | 8                                             | 1      | 0      | 0      |
| <b>10 - Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)</b>                        | 26                                            | 4      | 3      | 0      |
| <b>11 - Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility</b> | 13                                            | 8      | 2      | 0      |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |      |      |     |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|-----|-----|
| <b>12 - Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute</b>                                                                                                   | 10   | 3    | 2   | 0   |
| <b>13 - Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence</b>                                                                                             | 6    | 0    | 0   | 0   |
| <b>14 - Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.</b> | 3311 | 1392 | 170 | 29  |
| <b>15 - Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.</b>                                                                                                | 4325 | 2465 | 374 | 85  |
| <b>16 - Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.</b>                                                           | 8384 | 4093 | 576 | 85  |
| <b>17 - Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.</b>                                                                                                                 | 28   | 135  | 0   | 4   |
| <b>18 - Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available</b>                                | 5229 | 2527 | 380 | 119 |
| <b>21 - Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest</b>                                                                                                                                           | 265  | 108  | 11  | 1   |
| <b>22 - Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest.</b>                                                                                                                   | 106  | 40   | 9   | 1   |
| <b>Missing Value</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 221  | 76   | 12  | 3   |