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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016741/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide aggregated data on recorded sexual offences occurring in retail premises within your police force service area.

For the purposes of this request 'retail premises' refers to commercial premises primarily used for the sale of goods to the public, including shops, supermarkets, and shopping centres.

Please provide the number of recorded offences per calendar year from 2016 to the most recent year available.

Where held and within the cost limits set out, please provide the data broken down by:

- Type of sexual offence (in line with Home Office Counting Rules)*

I am only seeking aggregated, anonymised data.

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.

The data provided for this request is based on a search of all crimes recorded for Sexual Offences (this includes Rape) between 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2025 inclusive. The data has been displayed by calendar year for volumes but category type has been aggregated.

In order to establish if the crimes matched the criteria, keyword searches were conducted on 'Shop', 'Retail', 'Trafford Centre', 'Preceint', 'Arndale' and 'Mall'. The results were then further checked via a scan of 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.

The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/ or updated.

Due to low numbers being returned for some crimes, combined figures for all years have been provided and 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.

Overview	Volume of Recorded Crimes
2016	77
2017	70
2018	66
2019	52
2020	39
2021	73
2022	60
2023	108
2024	83
2025	98
Total	726

Type of Sexual Offence (Combined 2016 - 2025 inclusive)	Count
Arranging or facilitating the commission of a child sex offence - sexual assault	X
Assault of a female child under 13 by penetration	X
Assault on a female by penetration	X
Causing or inciting a child aged under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender aged under 18: female child, no penetration	X
Causing or inciting a child aged under 13 to engage in sexual activity by an offender aged under 18: male child, no penetration	X

Causing or inciting a child aged under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female child, offender aged 18 or over, no penetration	X
Causing or inciting a child aged under 16 to engage in sexual activity: female child, offender aged under 18, no penetration	X
Causing or inciting a child aged under 16 to engage in sexual activity: male child, offender aged 18 or over, no penetration	X
Causing or inciting a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity - Female child - no penetration	X
Causing or inciting a child under 16 to engage in sexual activity - Female child - no penetration	X
Committing an offence with intent to commit a sexual offence	X
Engage in sexual communication with a child	11
Engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child aged under 16 by an offender aged 18 or over	X
Exposure	147
Meeting a female child following sexual grooming etc. - offender 18 or over and victim under 16	X
Meeting a male child following sexual grooming etc.: child aged under 16, offender aged 18 or over	X
Paying for the sexual services of a child - Male child under 18	X
Rape of a female aged 16 or over	37
Rape of a female aged under 16	30
Rape of a female child aged under 13 by a male	X
Rape of a female child under 13 by a male	9
Rape of a male aged 16 or over	X
Rape of a male child aged under 13 by a male	X
Sexual activity with a child aged under 16: female child, offender aged 18 or over, no penetration	X
Sexual activity with a child aged under 16: female child, offender aged 18 or over, penetration	X
Sexual activity with a child aged under 16: female child, offender aged under 18, penetration	X
Sexual activity with a child aged under 16: male child, offender aged 18 or over, no penetration	X
Sexual activity with a child under 16 - Female child penetration	5
Sexual activity with a child under 16 - Female child penetration - Offender under 18	X
Sexual activity with a child under 16 - Male child penetration	X
Sexual assault of a female child under 13	19
Sexual assault on a female	335
Sexual assault on a female child aged under 13	10
Sexual assault on a male	40
Sexual assault on a male child aged under 13	5
Sexual assault on a male child under 13	14
Voyeurism	20
Voyeurism additional offences (upskirting)	11
Grand Total	726