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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016811/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for the last three full calendar years (2023, 2024, 2025):

1. The total number of recorded crimes where the keyword 'TikTok' or 'Tik Tok' appears in the Modus Operandi (MO) field or Investigation Summary of your crime recording system.

1a) Please breakdown the recorded crimes by the high-level offence type or category (e.g., Harassment, Violence Against the Person, Fraud, sexual offence etc).

1b) Please also breakdown these crimes by the location they were recorded in, specifically by Basic Command Unit (BCU), District, or Borough.

1c) Could you also please breakdown the same recorded crimes by the age of the victim, using standard age brackets (e.g., Under 13, 13–17, 18–24, 25–44, 45+).

To ensure this request remains within the Section 12 cost limit, please rely on automated database queries rather than manual reviews of individual case files. If extracting the location data will push the request over the 18-hour limit, please omit that specific section and prioritize the crime types and victim age data.

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:

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 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2025 where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'Tik Tok' or 'TikTok', 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.

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 system errors.

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.

Year	Total
2023	1001
2024	1091
2025	1551

Offence	2023	2024	2025
All other theft offences	34	65	139
Bicycle Theft	1	0	1
Business and community burglary	1	1	2
Criminal damage and arson offences	6	2	6
Miscellaneous crimes against society	51	38	79
Other sexual offences	24	53	108
Possession of drugs	0	0	2
Possession of weapon offences	2	1	3
Public order offences	57	40	79
Rape	3	19	10
Residential burglary	1	1	0
Robbery of personal property	1	1	1
Stalking and harassment	775	824	1023
Theft from the person	1	2	0
Trafficking of drugs	0	1	1
Vehicle offences	1	1	0
Violence with injury	16	11	27
Violence without injury	27	31	70

District	2023	2024	2025
Bolton	99	132	144
Bury	77	84	102
CoM Central	66	79	96
CoM North	87	92	126
CoM South	77	76	104
Manchester Airport	0	1	2
Oldham	126	111	182
Rochdale	82	86	168
Salford	87	80	168
Stockport	79	67	91
Tameside	93	108	137
Trafford	47	54	70
Unknown	2	0	0
Wigan	79	121	161

Age Bracket	2023	2024	2025
Under 10	0	1	2
Aged 10-17	21	29	38
Aged 18-20	3	12	18
Aged 21 or over	50	69	85
Missing Value/Blanks	5	10	18

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