Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017763/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information regarding crime reports and police incidents that reference the AI chatbot "Grok".

Please limit the search to the period between 1 January 2025 and 1 July 2026.

I request the following:

1. *The total number of recorded crimes or incident logs where the summary or incident description contains the keyword "Grok".*
2. *A breakdown of these crimes by principal offense category (e.g., Fraud, Harassment, Malicious Communications, Theft), including the number of recorded crimes attributable to each category.*
3. *The recorded police outcome for each identified crime (e.g., Charged/Summoned, Evidential Difficulties, Caution, Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified).*

To assist in keeping this request within the Section 12 cost limit, please perform this search using automated database search queries.

If any individual count is fewer than 5 and triggers Section 40(2) privacy exemptions, please redact exact numbers or present them as "<5" rather than refusing the request entirely.

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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/2025 and 01/072026 where the crime description or crime MO description contains ‘grok’, 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.

The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.

1. 1.
2. Miscellaneous crimes against society
3. Outcome 22 ‘diversionary, educational, intervention complete. Further action not in public interest.