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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017588/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you provide, for the year 2023:

1.) the total number of offences recorded that year involving the terms Grindr, Tinder, and Tindr?

Please provide a breakdown of the total number of offences for each keyword, anonymised as necessary to protect the identity of individuals. (Note: I am aware that Grindr and Tinder are often misspelled so I have provided a list of typos below to include in your search for those platforms)

2.) For each recorded incident, please provide the following details: month of offence, dating platform/keyword linked to crime, offence description, victim age, victim gender, suspect age, suspect gender and crime outcome where possible, anonymised as necessary to protect the identity of individuals.

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 January 2023' and '31 December 2023', where the crime description or crime MO description contains 'Grindr', 'Tinder', 'Grinder' or 'Tindr'

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.

Please note:

- A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing and an outcome has not yet been applied.
- There are crimes in this response with no victim attached. These may be crimes where the victim has not been identified, or they may be system errors.
- Victims in this data may be counted more than once if they are a victim attached to multiple crimes.
- Suspects in this data may be counted more than once if they are a suspect attached to multiple crimes.
- 'Unknown' gender is where the gender is 'missing value' or 'unknown' in system, or where there is no victim/suspect attached to the crime.
- 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.
- 'Not recorded' age where the date of birth is not recorded in system, or where there is no victim/suspect attached to the crime.

Due to the low numbers per month, the data has been merged together as by providing all this information split by month and breakdown 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.

All the data has been split as by providing all this information together 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 splitting and merging this data it can be provided in its entirety.

There is a total of 570 crimes. The below table provides a breakdown by offence and keyword(s). Please note, there was no results for keyword 'Tindr'.

Crime Tree Level 4	Total	Grindr	Tinder	Grinder	Tinder & Grindr	Grindr & Grindr
All other theft offences	86	5	57	24	0	0
Bicycle Theft	7	0	1	6	0	0
Business and community burglary	31	0	0	31	0	0

Criminal damage and arson offences	40	0	0	40	0	0
Miscellaneous crimes against society	14	1	1	12	0	0
Other sexual offences	11	7	2	1	0	1
Possession of drugs	125	0	0	125	0	0
Possession of weapon offences	8	0	0	8	0	0
Public order offences	11	3	1	7	0	0
Rape	13	3	4	4	0	2
Residential burglary	20	0	0	20	0	0
Robbery of business property	2	0	0	2	0	0
Robbery of personal property	2	0	1	1	0	0
Shoplifting	11	0	0	11	0	0
Stalking and harassment	87	20	38	27	1	1
Trafficking of drugs	6	0	0	6	0	0
Vehicle offences	78	0	0	78	0	0
Violence with injury	4	0	0	4	0	0
Violence without injury	14	2	2	10	0	0

Outcome	Total
Cannabis or Khat warning	1
Caution – Adults	2
Caution – Youths	5
Charged/Summoned	33
Charged/Summoned Alternative Offence	2
Community Resolution	70
Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest.	8
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.	46
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	3

Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	285
Missing Value	7
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	45
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	50
Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	9
Taken Into Consideration	4

Victim Data

Victim Gender	Total
Female	79
Male	258
Unknown	233

Victim Age Range	Total
0 - 10	1
11 – 15	4
16 – 20	45
21 – 25	53
26 – 30	47
31 – 35	42
36 – 40	33
41 – 45	23
46 – 50	24
51 – 55	17
56 – 60	16
61 – 65	16
66 – 70	7
71 – 75	8
76 +	2
Not Recorded	232

Suspect Data

Suspect Gender	Total
Female	28
Male	231
Unknown	343

Suspect Age Range	Total
11 – 15	37
16 – 20	67
21 – 25	42
26 – 30	26
31 – 35	27
36 – 40	21
41 – 45	14
46 – 50	8
51 – 55	7
56 – 60	4
61 +	1
Not Recorded	348