GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017590/C

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017590/C

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 2022

1.) *the total number of offences recorded that year involving the terms Grindr, Tinder, Grinder and Tindr?*
Please provide a breakdown of the total number of offences for each keyword, anonymised as necessary to protect the identity of individuals.

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 to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

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 2022’ and ’31 December 2022’, 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 (e.g. reference of 'angle grinder').

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 the 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 the 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.

Data

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

Offence	Tinder
All other theft offences	24
Other sexual offences	1
Public order offences	2
Rape	12
Stalking and harassment	12
Violence with injury	1
Violence without injury	1

Offence	Grindr
All other theft offences	5
Other sexual offences	6
Possession of drugs	1
Rape	7
Stalking and harassment	12
Violence without injury	3

Offence	Grinder
All other theft offences	23
Bicycle theft	24
Business and community burglary	63
Criminal damage and arson offences	39
Miscellaneous crimes against society	9
Other sexual offences	1
Possession of drugs	122
Possession of weapon offences	5
Public order offences	6
Rape	3
Residential burglary	33
Robbery of personal property	3
Shoplifting	11
Stalking and harassment	19
Trafficking of drugs	6
Vehicle offences	87
Violence with injury	7
Violence without injury	7

Outcome	Total
Cannabis or Khat warning	9
Caution - Adults	5
Caution - Youths	3
Charged/Summonsed	37
Charged/Summonsed Alternative Offence	6
Community Resolution	57
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.	66
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	235
Missing Value	7
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	37
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	60
Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	17
Penalty Notices for Disorder	1
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence	1
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	1
Taken Into Consideration	4

Victim	Total
Female	60
Male	218
Unknown	277

Victim Age	
0 - 10	0
11 – 15	8
16 – 20	26
21 – 25	39
26 – 30	58
31 – 35	41
36 – 40	23
41 – 45	28

46 – 50	22
51 – 55	20
56 – 60	11
61 – 65	3
66 – 70	6
71 – 75	3
76 +	5
Not Recorded	261

Suspect	**Total**
Female	26
Male	220
Unknown	309

Suspect Age	
0 - 10	2
11 – 15	26
16 – 20	75
21 – 25	38
26 – 30	29
31 – 35	24
36 – 40	14
41 – 45	15
46 – 50	6
51 – 55	11
56 – 60	4
61 – 65	0
66 – 70	0
71 – 75	0
76 +	0
Not Recorded	310