Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017595/H

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 2021:

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 information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

CAVEATS

This data contains crimes with a created date between ’01 January 2021’ and ’31 December 2021’, 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.
- The crime description or crime MO description may contain sensitive information and should be redacted before the data is released to the requester.

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 errors.
- Victims in this data may be counted more than once if they are a victim attached to multiple crimes. Therefore, the number of crimes does not equate to the number of victims.
- Suspects in this data may be counted more than once if they are a suspect attached to multiple crimes. Therefore, the number of crimes does not equate to the number of suspects.
- ‘Unknown’ gender is where the gender is ‘missing value’ or ‘unknown’ on the crime report, 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 on the crime report, or where there is no victim/suspect attached to the crime.
    - There are two records in this dataset where the victim's age has been recorded as ‘-1’. This value is incorrect and has resulted from a data entry error.

Please see the attached spreadsheet.