Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017623/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the number of reports made to your force for breaches of stalking protection orders each year since 2020. (The Home Office code is 00874 breach of stalking order / interim stalking order)

Can you also provide a breakdown by gender and age of the suspects please?

I look forward to hearing from you within 20 working days.

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. However, I am not obliged to supply you with the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. We are unable to provide the requested breakdown by age and sex of the suspect exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Section 40(2) represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test for such data.

The non-exempt information is provided below, subject to the following **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 1st Jan 2020 and 31st Dec 2025, where the latest HO classification is 088/74 – 'breach of stalking order/interim stalking order', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as non-counting 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.

There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects.

Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.

2023: 8
2024: 11
2025: 3

Total: 22.