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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017765/H

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

I am writing to request the following information relating to communications offences
1. A copy of any guidance or similar issued by your force to officers about investigating communications offences (specifically Section 179 Online Safety Act, Section 1 Malicious Communications Act and Section 127 Communications Act)
2. A copy of any policy or guidance issued by your force to officers about when to make arrests in relation to those offences, or when to use alternative methods (such as invitation to voluntary interview)

Result of Searches
Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is not held by GMP.

GMP do not hold any direct policy or guidance for this request.

Please note - All offences which involve arrests are governed by PACE 1984 code G which sets out necessity for arrest.