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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017766/I

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information relating to stalking and harassment offences recorded by your force.
Please provide the following data for the calendar years 2024, 2025, and 2026 to date:

1. Reports
The total number of offences recorded under:
- *Stalking*
- *Harassment*

Please provide annual totals for each offence type separately.

2. Victim Demographics
For the offences recorded in Question 1, please provide a breakdown of victims by sex, showing:
- *Male*
- *Female*
- *Age*
- *Unknown / Not recorded*

3. Suspect Demographics
For the offences recorded in Question 1, please provide a breakdown of suspects by sex, showing:
- *Male*
- *Female*
- *Age*
- *Unknown / Not recorded*

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.

- The above data is all recorded crimes from 1st January - 31st December for each year specified, excluding 2026 which is 1st January - 30th September.
- Stalking crimes have been obtained by searching for all crimes with 'Stalking and Harassment' in Crime Tree Level Four, then a key word search for 'Stalking' in the HO Level Offence.
- Harassment crimes have been obtained by searching for all crimes with 'Stalking and Harassment' in Crime Tree Level Four, then a key word search for 'Harassment' in the HO Level Offence.
- Please note the number of victims is equal to the number of recorded crimes, as one crime for each victim of an offence will always be submitted. The number of suspects however is dissimilar, there may be 5 suspects linked to one crime, hence the larger number of suspects than victims.
    - For this reason, there may be some duplicates contained within the suspect data, this is because you cannot remove duplicates from the crime reference number, as mentioned above there may be 5 suspects linked to the same crime. I also cannot remove duplicates from the suspects as the same suspect may be linked to multiple crimes with multiple victims. Duplicates have been removed from the victim data where possible.
- The data is based on the date the crime was recorded, not the date the crime was committed.
- Age refers to the Victim/Suspects age at the time the crime was committed.

Data

Stalking	Total Victims
2024	11,016
2025	11,826
2026	8,435

	Victim Gender		
Stalking	Female	Male	Unknown
2024	8,256	2,700	60
2025	8,629	3,145	52
2026	6,158	2,229	48

	Victim Age							
Stalking	Under 18	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	Unknown
2024	532	1,940	3,684	2,995	1,189	446	185	45
2025	620	2,206	3,795	3,149	1,283	512	225	36
2026	418	1,531	2,659	2,330	957	361	142	37

Stalking	Total Suspects
2024	11,854
2025	12,769
2026	9,044

	Suspect Gender		
Stalking	Female	Male	Unknown
2024	2,869	7,887	1,098
2025	3,291	8,401	1,077
2026	2,339	5,833	872

	Suspect Age							
Stalking	Under 18	18-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	Unknown
2024	465	1,629	3,520	3,027	1,407	489	141	1,176
2025	575	1,779	3,652	3,373	1,438	612	175	1,165
2026	383	1,265	2,417	2,458	1,058	432	110	921

Harassment	Total Victims
2024	15,593
2025	16,516
2026	12,577

	Victim Gender		
Harassment	Female	Male	Unknown
2024	9,629	5,559	405
2025	10,311	5,769	436
2026	7,738	4,459	380

	Victim Age							
Harassment	**Under 18**	**18-25**	**26-35**	**36-45**	**46-55**	**56-65**	**Over 65**	**Unknown**
2024	1,289	1,907	3,574	3,391	2,401	1,657	1,114	260
2025	1,392	2,052	3,635	3,732	2,528	1,732	1,104	341
2026	1,126	1,591	2,776	2,851	1,928	1,241	790	274

Harassment	Total Suspects
2024	17,578
2025	18,477
2026	14,117

	Suspect Gender		
Harassment	**Female**	**Male**	**Unknown**
2024	5,733	6,014	5,831
2025	6,188	6,409	5,880
2026	4,373	4,699	5,045

	Suspect Age							
Harassment	**Under 18**	**18-25**	**26-35**	**36-45**	**46-55**	**56-65**	**Over 65**	**Unknown**
2024	1,552	1,232	2,517	2,554	1,742	1,121	537	6,323
2025	1,536	1,346	2,700	2,867	1,878	1,241	617	6,292
2026	1,221	1,000	1,850	2,094	1,327	920	512	5,193