Information Management & Data Directorate (IMDD)
Information Access Unit

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Our ref: FOI/26/017842/D

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017842/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/10/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding the offence of sending or showing flashing images with intent to harm, created under Section 183 of the Online Safety Act 2023 (commonly referred to as "epilepsy trolling"). This may be recorded under offence code 00529.
For the period from 31 January 2024 to the present date, please provide:
1. The total number of individuals arrested for this offence.
2. A breakdown of those arrested by age (e.g. under 18, 18–24, 25–34, 35–44, 45–54, 55+).
3. A breakdown of those arrested by gender (e.g. male or female).
If the requested data is not held in the exact format specified, please provide it in any reasonable format that you do hold it in.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm that no records for the above questions were returned.