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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017405/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Subject: Freedom of Information request - enforcement action against illegal streaming devices, 2020/21-2024/25

Dear FOI Officer,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following held by Greater Manchester Police on illegal streaming devices and services (modified Fire TV Sticks, Android/IPTV boxes, illegal IPTV subscriptions), covering financial years 2020/21-2024/25, broken down by year:

- 1. Number of illegal streaming devices seized, by year.***
- 2. Number of cautions, charges, prosecutions and convictions relating to the sale or supply of such devices/services, by year.***
- 3. Where recorded, the legislation relied on (e.g. Fraud Act 2006, Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008).***
- 4. Where this doesn't exceed the cost limit, a breakdown by postcode area/district and/or nearest town or city where each seizure/case occurred (in addition to, or instead of, [BCU/policing district for police, or ward for councils]), to support geographic mapping.***

CLARIFICATION

Could you look into this home office code: 084/09

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Question 1 Seizure data

- Below is a breakdown of different device types booked into property for each year.
- The figures below are the number seized but we cannot differentiate between off the shelf legal or modified illegal device.

Year	Streaming Device	Fire Stick	Other Digital Media Hub
2020	0	6	0
2021	2	7	1
2022	0	13	0
2023	0	13	3
2024	0	12	1
2025	0	11	1
2026	0	7	0

Caveats for question 2 - 4:

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 Apr 2020 and 31st Mar 2025, where the latest HO classification is 084/09 'offences triable either way. Makes for sale or hire, imports, possesses or distributes articles which infringes the copyright. Makes, imports or distributes illicit recordings', 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.
- We are aware of various system issues affecting committed at locations for new and migrated crimes (see below for details). These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.
 - Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
 - Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
 - Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.

Question 2

Outcome for HO Code 084/09	Total
Caution – Adults	2
Charged	0

GMP do not hold conviction and prosecution data. For this information you would need to redirect your request to the relevant Courts.

Question 3

Legislation - Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 Sec 107 (1)a, b, d(iv) & e and Sec 198 (1)a, b & d(iii)

Question 4

District	Number of Crimes recorded – HO Code 084/09
Salford	2
CoM North	8
Tameside	1
Rochdale	2
CoM South	1
Total	14