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Date: 11/04/2023
Our ref: 1208/23

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1208/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/03/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1) The number of incidents reported to your force during the last five years that have involved an allegation of racism in a football context, either at a football match or involving football fans elsewhere and online.
- 2) That information broken down into the date of the report, details of the incident and what football team it involved.

I also note your clarification, dated 09/03/2023:

As requested, could you include the following keywords on the search:

- * "Manchester Utd" and "racist"
- * "Man Utd" and "racist"
- * "Manchester City" and "racist"
- * "Man City" and "racist"
- * "Manchester Utd" and "racial"

* “Man Utd” and “racial”

* “Manchester City” and “racial”

* “Man City” and “racial”

If you could identify all the occurrences of these keywords matches and provide them the date information that would be very helpful.

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 held by GMP.

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 January 2018 and 31st December 2022 where the race hate motivation flags is equal to Yes and the MO text (draft) or MO text (final) contains RACIST or RACIAL and MANCHESTER UTD, MAN UTD, MANCHESTER CITY or MAN CITY, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Non-crime hate incidents are not included in the data. Please note:
 - The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
 - A manual review has been conducted to remove irrelevant results and to establish which football clubs were involved.
 - The exact date of incidents has not been included as this information would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual concerned, and as such the exemption in **Section 40(2) – Personal information** applies to that data.

Crime created on date	Racial Qualifier Flag	Offence	Crime tree level four	Club(s) Involved
Feb 18	Y	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress	Public order offences	Manchester City FC

Nov 18	Y	Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Public order offences	Manchester City FC Manchester United FC
Feb 22	Y	Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment or alarm or distress - words or writing	Public order offences	Manchester City FC
Apr 22	Y	Racially or Religiously Aggravated assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Violence with injury	Manchester City FC
Oct 22	Y	Causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress	Public order offences	Manchester City FC

Dec 22	Y	Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment or alarm or distress - words or writing	Public order offences	Manchester City FC
Dec 19	Y	Racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment or alarm or distress - words or writing	Public order offences	Manchester City FC
Feb 20	Y	Racially or religiously aggravated harassment or alarm or distress - words or writing	Public order offences	Manchester United FC

Feb 21	Y	Sending letters etc with intent to cause distress or anxiety	Stalking and harassment	Manchester United FC
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