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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 2666/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/05/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

Please could I request the following information about the number of offences recorded under the Modern Slavery Act from 26 March 2015 to 26 March 2023.

- 1. How many offences were recorded that fall under the Modern Slavery Act 2015? * Could you please break these down by section.*
- 2. Of these offences, how many went to court?*
- 3. Of the offences that went to court, what were the outcomes? E.g. no charges were brought, a conviction was secured, etc.*

I have included a list of the offences under the 2015 Act:

- Section 1 - Slavery, Servitude, Forced and Compulsory Behaviour*
- Section 2 - Arranging or facilitating the travel of another person with a view to exploitation*
- Section 4 - Committing an offence with intent to commit an offence under section 2 of the Act*

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. However, I am not obliged to supply all of it as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Question 1 'Section breakdown' and '26/03/2015 – 31/03/2015' data have not been provided 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. This information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those particular pieces of information.

Please find the remainder of the requested data below.

Response

Question 1

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 offences inclusive of the Home Office Codes below with a recorded date between 1st April 2015 and 31st March 2023, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules:
 - 036/06 – Hold Person in Slavery or Servitude
 - 036/07 – Require Person to Perform Forced or Compulsory Labour
 - 036/08 – Arrange or facilitate travel of another person with a view to exploitation
 - 036/10 – Commit offence other than kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation
 - 036/11 – Commit offence of kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation
 - 036/12 – Do act prohibited by slavery and trafficking risk or prevention order
 - 036/13 – Fail to comply with requirement to surrender passport under Modern Slavery Act 2015
 - 036/14 – Fail to comply with requirement to provide name and address under Modern Slavery Act 2015
- Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were

originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

- Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.
- The data provided are in full financial years which means that the data for 2022/23 includes 01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023.

Financial Year	Total
2015/16	55
2016/17	141
2017/18	197
2018/19	254
2019/20	389
2020/21	493
2021/22	579
2022/23	533

Question 2 – No information held.

Question 3 – No information held. Please direct this request to Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS).

In addition, Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relevant to this request, as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of **Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies**.

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case. Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

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