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Our ref: GSA 3258/23
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number when responding

Thursday, 29 June 2023

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 3258/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/06/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

Please tell me the number of total investigations by Greater Manchester Police force into people who may have procured illegal abortions under Home Office code 014 and its subcategories in the 3 years from 1 Jan 2020 to 31 December 2022, by

- 1) type and number of investigations*
- 2) police station*
- 3) year*
- 4) type and number of outcomes.*

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.

Questions 2, 3 & 4 - This information is held by GMP but I am not obliged to provide 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.

The information has been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – 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 the particular pieces of information.

Please see remainder of the information below

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 recorded under the Home Office Crime Code 014/01 (Administering Drugs or Using Instruments to Procure Abortion) recorded between 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2022, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- The data provided is the number of crimes rather than investigations. All crimes are investigated at some point.

Response

Total - 2

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