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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011679/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Can I please have a freedom of information request on sexual crimes that have occurred in Piccadilly Gardens from 2020 to 2023? Can the information please be categorised into separate crimes and years?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to supply you with all the information 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. Where redactions in the attached policy have been made, that information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2)(a) – Personal Information.**

Where Section 40 has been used, this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection

Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018, and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data. Due to this, we are unable to provide a breakdown by separate crimes as this could lead to the individuals involved being identified. A breakdown of all sexual offences reported in Piccadilly Gardens by year is provided 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.

The crime grand total is all the crimes counted based on the crime reference HO Codes on the 'HO Codes Used' tab for the period 01/01/2020-31/10/2023. The data has been broken down by both month & year.

Have then searched on Beat 'A2H1 - Piccadilly Gardens' to return any rape or other sexual offences crimes occurring in the Piccadilly Gardens area.

The month relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the incident occurred.

Where possible duplicates have been removed.

Some of the period covered was during the 'covid lockdowns'.

Reply

	Total
2020	60
2021	85
2022	72
2023	65
Total	282