

Our ref: 01/FOI/23/011785/Y

Please quote our reference
number when responding

Tuesday, 19 December 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011785/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/12/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

I refer to FOI 01/FOI/23/011325/A However your limited response provided information on gender which is not the same as sex and it was sex that the requester sought. Therefore my FOI request seeks the correct response as you have failed to provide it and has additional requests.

1. To provide victim and offender numbers by reference to the SEX of both victim and perpetrator. Ie the two charts provided in 01/FOI/23/011325/A but using the search terms of the offender's SEX not claimed gender recorded from September 2022 to September 2023.

2. To provide a copy of the police policy or any similar advice guidance etc used when reporting to the public a crime committed by a male (as in sex Male) who gender identifies as female. Is there any policy for this locally or nationally? Please provide link/s if already available online

3A. To confirm if internally you note crimes against an offender's stated gender or known sex (to clarify would a crime be reported as a male or female crime based on an offender's sex or based off their stated gender). AND

3B To confirm if you provide information to external bodies by reference to an offender's stated gender or known sex (to clarify would a crime be reported externally as a male or female crime based on an offender's sex).

4. To confirm if you record

(a) SEX and gender of alleged and convicted sex offenders; or

(b) only Gender ; or

(c) only SEX.

5A To confirm the list of genders that offenders may currently choose from and

5B if they can update and change their gender (a) during the police investigation; (b) during prosecution and (c) during the criminal trial.

6A. To clarify why you do not know or are missing 'gender' information as provided in response reference 01/FOI/23/011325/A .

6B To save time, if there are similar omissions from the SEX information I have requested please explain why you do not hold this and

6C : Suggest - helpfully - who would hold this information.

6D: Explain why you are unable to identify the sex of a a person who is being convicted of a crime.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. Please see our response below.

1. No information held as we do not hold sex data in a standard data field.
2. The force's arrangements follow current College of Policing guidelines in relation to the treatment of suspects in custody and criminal investigations. This is in line with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Annex L) and the Equality Act 2010 legislation. Should there be changes made to the guidance in the future, GMP will implement these changes accordingly.
3. We have a data field for gender at the time of crime. Any other details regarding sex or gender can be recorded within a free-text field or care plan (if applicable), however we cannot report on these as the information is not stored in a standard format, but is available operationally for the investigation.
4. As Q1 and Q3 response.
5. We have 3 options for gender currently for people recorded within our records management system – male, female, and unknown. Additional details can be recorded as free text.
6. Same as Q2 response.

Please note

"Information is defined in section 84 of the Act as 'information recorded in any form'. The Act therefore only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the

answer to any such request is already held in recorded form." (Day vs ICO & DWP – EA/2006/0069 Final Decision)