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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011084/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/07/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

1 - Please can you confirm the number of allegations received by the force in relation to sexual abuse claims against the scouts? Please limit your response to the number of cases received in the following calendar years: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

2 - Please can you also confirm how many of the allegations listed in the answer to question 1 led to either an arrest and/or a conviction?

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.

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 data provided is based on a search of the Home Office Crime Classifications 'Rape' and 'Other Sexual Offences' recorded between 01/01/2014 and 31/12/2022 inclusive.
- **Question 1** - In order to determine whether the allegation related to a member of the scouts, the data has then been filtered on the 'Crime MO Description' field to only show results which include the words 'scout' or 'scouts'. Then we did a manual review of the results to ensure they weren't 'football scouts' (for example).
- **Question 2** – Of those the result crime data from Question 1, manual reviews conducted on individual crimes to identify the arrest data.

- **Question 2** - GMP do not hold conviction data as this is held by Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.
- The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.
- 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.

Response

Question 1

Year	Count of Crimes
2014	4
2015	2
2016	4
2017	6
2018	13
2019	4
2020	3
2021	3
2022	4
Total	43

Question 2 – Total 4 arrests between 2014 - 2022

Due to the low result volume, annual breakdown has 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.

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