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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/002475/M (GSA 3072/23)

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/06/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding the current status of registered sex offenders within your jurisdiction.

Specifically, I would like to obtain information on the number of registered sex offenders whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as any available details regarding the crimes committed by these missing offenders. I am particularly interested in cases involving rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse of children.

I understand that police forces play a vital role in monitoring and managing registered sex offenders to ensure public safety. Therefore, I kindly request the following information for the period of the last five years:

- 1. The total number of registered sex offenders within your jurisdiction.*
- 2. The number of registered sex offenders whose whereabouts are currently unknown.*
- 3. Any available details regarding the crimes committed by the missing registered sex offenders, including but not limited to cases of rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse of children.*

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 system only holds the data as real-time data and we can only provide the data as of the date of the retrieval which is 11/07/2023.
- The data provided for this request is real-time and constantly being updated therefore subject to change as information is updated.

Response

1. As of 11/07/2023, there are currently 5241 registered sex offenders aligned to Greater Manchester.
2. As of 11/07/2023, 32 registered sex offenders have a status of 'wanted'.
3. 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 Question 3 information.