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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 3397/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/07/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***Please could I have data on the total number of sexual assault cases / any sexual crimes, from 2019 to 2023 or the latest your records go to.
If possible, please provide the raw data which includes:***

- 1. whether the victim was under 18***
- 2. whether the perpetrator was under 18***
- 3. the location of the crime (e.g. home, streets, school, work, public space, etc.)***
- 4. the policing area of the crime (if possible the local station, but if not the subdivision i.e. borough)***
- 5. the genders of the victim***
- 6. the genders of the perpetrator***

If this is not possible, then the total number will suffice per category, though it is preferred if you could provide a CSV file with each individual case. I understand if you have to remove the precise location it occurred.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide a response to question 3 would require each individual crime to be manually reviewed to determine the location of the crime. A search of GMPs records shows a total of 45,152 sexual crimes within the requested time period. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes per crime would take this request to in excess of 3,762 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced, for example GMP could provide a response to questions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk