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Date: 7th March 2023
Our ref: GSA 931/23

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 931/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/02/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I want to request the following information:

1. The number of coercive control offences recorded by your police force where the alleged victim was in the following age ranges:

- a) 11-15
- b) 16-24

Please provide breakdown by year – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

2. The number of coercive control offences recorded by your police force where the alleged suspect was in the following age ranges:

- a) 11-15
- b) 16-24

Please provide breakdown by year – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

3. Of these offences from q2, please provide a breakdown of outcomes (charged, cautioned, no further action etc) for the following years - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.

**4. The Home Office "Domestic Abuse -Statutory Guidance" July 2022 (p23), states:
"In responding to cases of abuse involving those under 18, child safeguarding procedures should be followed."**

Of cases of coercive control where both the victim and perpetrator are under 18:

- a) how many referrals were made by the police to children's social services or a multi-agency forum? Please provide a breakdown for the following years - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, with year starting in April, ending in March the following year. For 2023, please provide figures to date.***

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.

Please see the attached spreadsheet for the response to questions 1 – 3.

Question 4 – There has been no referrals made to children's social services/multi-agency forum for cases where both victim and perpetrator were under the age of 18.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further queries please write to Freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk quoting the reference above.

Yours sincerely,

Georgia
Information Compliance and Records Management Assistant

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Greater Manchester Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again –

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Greater Manchester Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Greater Manchester Police to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Information Compliance & Records Management Unit Manager
Information Services Branch
Greater Manchester Police
Openshaw Complex
Lawton Street
Openshaw
Manchester
M11 2NS

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with Greater Manchester Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.ico.org.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700

Question 1

	Coercive Behaviour Crimes	Victim Age 11-15	Victim Age 16-24
2019/2020	350280	628	11
2020/2021	529077	1685	43
2021/2022	533457	2352	41
2022/2023	492851	2847	37

Question 2

	Coercive Behaviour Crimes	Suspect Age 11-15	Suspect Age 16-24
2019/2020	350280	628	2
2020/2021	529077	1685	23
2021/2022	533457	2352	22
2022/2023	492851	2847	29

Question 3

Charge
Suspect Identified - Victim Doesn't Support
Suspect Identified - Insufficient Evidence (Police)
Youth Conditional Caution
Charged Alternative Offence
Suspect Identified - Insufficient Evidence (CPS)
Missing Value
Decision Pending
Locate Trace/PNC
Prosecution Time Limit Expired
Adult Caution
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified
Suspect Identified - Insufficient Evidence (Other)
Referred to Other Agency
Suspect Dead/Too Ill
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified
Summons

2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
7	20	26	26
37	191	244	177
18	62	82	81
1	0	0	0
1	9	5	7
25	45	52	25
0	2	2	6
0	9	24	81
0	0	0	10
0	0	1	1
0	0	0	1
0	0	0	2
1	5	3	3
0	0	1	1
0	0	2	1
0	1	1	0
0	0	1	0