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Our ref: GSA 1149/23
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number when responding

Monday, 27 March 2023

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1149/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/02/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *How many children went missing across the county so far in 2023?*
2. *How many children went missing across the county in 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017?*
3. *Of the children that went missing each year, how many were found?*
4. *Of the children that went missing for each year, how many remain missing?*
5. *What is the breakdown of each borough within the county with these same figures?*

'Children' is defined as anyone within the borough under the age of 16.

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. However, I am not obliged to provide all of it as an exemption apply.

Due to small result numbers, district breakdown for 2023 Data 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.

Please find the remainder of the data requested below

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.

- Due to a change in operating systems in 2019, we are unable to provide data for 2017 – 2019
- The data provided are missing reports for 16yrs or under – NOT missing individuals. Some individuals may have been reported more than once.
- The data provided for this request is subject to change as reports are progressed and/or updated.

Response

2023

	Found	Still Missing	Total Reports
Total	2,198	25	2,223

2022

District	Found	Still Missing	Total Reports
City Of Manchester	2478	0	2478
Salford	940	0	940
Tameside	1201	0	1201
Stockport	1188	0	1188
Bolton	1260	0	1260
Wigan	931	1	932
Trafford	573	0	573
Bury	611	0	611
Rochdale	992	0	992
Oldham	1053	0	1053
FHQ	0	17	17
Airport Division	3	0	3
Total	11,230	18	11,248

2021

District	Found	Still Missing	Total Reports
City Of Manchester	1411	0	1411
Salford	512	0	512
Tameside	543	0	543

Stockport	594	0	594
Bolton	609	0	609
Wigan	697	0	697
Trafford	403	0	403
Bury	380	0	380
Rochdale	625	0	625
Oldham	496	0	496
FHQ	5	0	5
Airport Division	3	0	3
Total	6,278	0	6,278

2020

District	Found	Still Missing	Total Reports
City Of Manchester	675	0	675
Salford	310	0	310
Tameside	303	0	303
Stockport	313	0	313
Bolton	290	0	290
Wigan	282	0	282
Trafford	184	0	184
Bury	166	0	166
Rochdale	319	0	319
Oldham	252	0	252
FHQ	22	8	30
Airport Division	0	0	0
Total	3,116	8	3,124

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