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Our ref: GSA 728/23
Please quote our reference
number when responding

Monday, 06 March 2023

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 728/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/02/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

According to the police data published here <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-recorded-crime-open-data-tables>, your force recorded the following offences in the following years:

a) Procuring an illegal abortion

2022/23: 2

2017/18: 1

b) Intentional destruction of a viable unborn child

2022/23: 1

2019/20: 3

2017/18: 2

2016/17 : 1

2014/15: 2

1. For each case please provide a description of the case including but not limited to:

- *Basic facts of the case*
- *Whether the suspect was the pregnant woman or a third party performing an act against a pregnant woman.*
- *Their age at the start of the investigation*
- *How your force got alerted to the case*
- *Length of time it took your force to investigate*
- *Outcome of the case – if charged, please specify charges and under which legislation*

2. In relation to cases dropped by the CPS, in how many cases did your force appeal the decision and on what bases?

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 some of the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

Question 2 – No information held

Due to the low number of records, the data of age, the person that notified the police, and suspect detail for each crime have 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.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, 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.

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

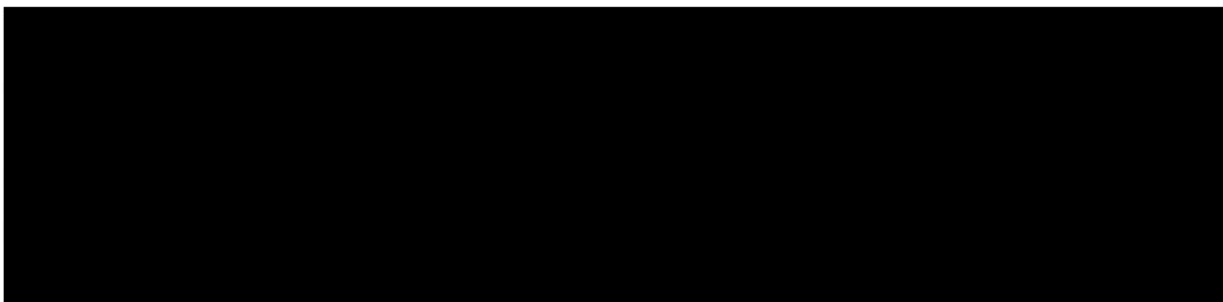
Caveats

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.

- We cannot locate some of the information due to the crime recorded date being significantly before the move to the new system in Mid-July 2019 or due to problems encountered around the time of the changeover resulting in the details not being found within the system. Also in these latter instances the crime may have been re-classified since the data was published.
- The search was conducted for the following Home Office Codes:
 - Procuring an illegal abortion - HO Codes 014/01 & 014/02
 - Intentional destruction of a viable unborn child - HO Code 004/03

Response

Case	Year	HO Code	Crime latest Outcome	Days to Complete Investigation of Crime
1	2014/ 2015	004/03	N/A - Details not available due to change in system in July 2019	
2	2014/ 2015	004/03		
3	2016/ 2017	004/03		
4	2017/ 2018	014/01	Prosecution Not in Public Interest (Pol) (10)	N/A
5	2017/ 2018	004/03	Offender Has Died (5)	N/A
6	2017/ 2018	004/03	Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)	N/A
7	2019/ 2020	004/03	Unable to trace. No details can be found	
8	2019/ 2020	004/03		
9	2019/ 2020	004/03	Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)	89
10	2022/ 2023	004/03	Charged Alternative Offence (1C)	109
11	2022/ 2023	014/01	Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)	81
12	2022/ 2023	014/01	Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	26



Yours sincerely,

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