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Our ref: GSA 1766/23

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1766/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/04/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to ask that you please disclose details of the figures and details of reports and cases your force has dealt with year by year from 2019-2023 regarding coercive control between two partners.

Please state the year, the gender of the victim and the suspect and the outcome of the report/case, please also state (if possible) how the control was carried out - for example, phone/location tracking.

Result of Searches

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

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested regarding how the control was carried out would require a manual review of all records. A search of GMPs records shows a total of 1,924 crimes. At a conservative estimate of 10 minutes per record would take this request to in excess of 320 hours to ascertain the data requested. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18hours to provide the requested information.

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 to a much shorter time period. 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

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Caveats:

The data provided for this request is based on a search of the Home Office Crime Code 008/67 – Engage in Controlling/Coercive Behaviour in an Intimate/Family Relationship.

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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

Year	Volume of Offences
2019	1004
2020	408
2021	179
2022	333

Year	Victims			
	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
2019	920	69	15	1004
2020	374	34	0	408
2021	165	14	0	179
2022	286	45	2	333

Year	Offenders			
	Female	Male	Unknown	Total
2019	108	942	17	1067
2020	49	393	9	451
2021	18	177	4	199
2022	57	284	15	356

Crime Outcome	Year			
	2019	2020	2021	2022
Adult Caution (3A)		1		
Adult Caution Alternative Offence (3C)	1			
Charge (1A)	46	26	9	11

Charged Alternative Offence (1C)	34	8	2	6
Decision Pending (98)	1	2	5	23
Diversionary, Educational, Intervention Complete - Further Action Not in Public Interest (22)	1	1	1	
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)	9	8	1	4
Filed Pending Forensics (99B)	1			
Further Investigation Not in Public Interest (Police) (21)	6	3		
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	8			5
Locate Trace (15E)				1
Missing Value	12			1
Named Suspect - Victim Dead/Too Ill (13)	1	1		1
Not In Public Interest (CPS) (9)	4	4	1	
Not in Public Interest (Police) (10)	1			
Outcome 20 - Referred to Other Agency (96)	1	1	1	
Refer To PNC (15D)	1			
Restorative Justice 1 (8A)	2			
RJ - Other Formal Scheme (8D)	1			
Summons (1B)	2	1		
Summoned Alternative Offence (1D)	1	1		
Suspect Identified - Insufficient Evidence (CPS) (15A)	145	56	16	20
Suspect Identified - Insufficient Evidence (Police) (15B)	148	65	34	81
Suspect Identified - Insufficient Other (15C)	2	3		3
Suspect Identified - Victim Does Not Support (16)	570	227	109	177
Suspect Not Identified - Victim Refuses (14A)	5			
Youth Conditional Caution (2B)	1			
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