

Our ref: GSA 1880/23
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Wednesday, 10 May 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 1880/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/04/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide the number of cases of modern slavery and human trafficking reported to the force between January 1st 2022 and December 31st 2022. Please disaggregate data according to the following information:

- 1. The crime outcome of the offences (for example, this includes but is not limited to outcomes such as 'cautioned', 'charged/summonsed', Evidential difficulties (victim does not support investigation), no suspect identified, 'Not in public interest (police), Not in public interest (CPS)' and any other outcomes recorded),*
- 2. The age of victims recorded, either adult (18 years or older) or child (17 years old or younger).*

Please note that for the purposes of this request, 'victim' is a person who has reported having been a victim of this crime.

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.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) 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.

Due to the low numbers on some of the outcome descriptions, **the outcome of the crimes for Question 1** 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. This information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from 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

Response

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.

- This data contains the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking crimes with a recorded date between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022.
- The victim age group has been provided. Age has been calculated using the crime committed date and the person date of birth. Please note:
 - The crime committed date may be different to other dates e.g. reported or created.
 - The crime committed date may be recorded as a range where the crime occurred over a period of time or where it is not possible to say exactly when it occurred. In these cases, the first date in the range has been used for the calculation.
 - A 'Missing Value' means age cannot be calculated where the crime committed date and/or person date of birth has not been recorded.
 - The calculated age may be incorrect where the person date of birth has been recorded incorrectly.

Question 2

Age of victim	Count
Child (17 or younger)	263
Adult (18 years or older)	261
Missing Value	20
Total	544

In addition, Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relevant to this request, as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of **Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies**.

Section 23 is a class based absolute exemption and there is no requirement to consider the public interest in this case. Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

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