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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011486/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with my request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.

- 1. Please can you provide me with data on incidents of "honour-based" abuse (HBA) or "honour-based" violence (HBV) from 2010 onwards?*
- 2. Please could you provide me with a breakdown of the incidents in categories on the types of offences, such as FGM, breast flattening etc?*

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. However, I am not obliged to provide all this information to you as an exemption applies.

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.

The full value of "A breakdown of the incidents in categories on the types of offences" for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) has not been provided as this information would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individuals concerned. Victims of FGM have lifelong anonymity under Section 71 of the Serious Crime Act 2015. A breach of their anonymity is a summary offence which carries an unlimited fine. Due to this, the information you have requested is exempt under **Section 44(1)(a) Prohibitions on disclosure**.

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.

The rest of your requested information is below.

Caveats

The figures are based on incidents recorded and not crimes using the Qualifier codes C58 & C59 for Honour Based Incidents for the period 15/07/2019-30/09/2023.

The month relates to when the incident was recorded and not necessarily when the incident occurred.

Where possible duplicates have been removed.

Of note some of the period covered was during the 'covid lockdowns'.

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 this data has been provided from mid-July 2019 and not January 2010.

Reply

	Total Honour Based Incidents Recorded	Risk of HBV	FGM	Forced Marriage	Coercive Behaviour
Total	≤142	85	≤5	42	10