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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011344/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/09/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Request part 1

Please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act for the past five calendar years from 2018 to the present.

For each year please provide the total number of knife crime incidents, split by offence and neighbourhood policing unit.

If available, please also provide the victim and suspect demographics, including, but not limited to, age, gender, ethnicity and relationship between victim and suspect.

***2 requests merged together
Part 2***

Please provide the following, under the Freedom of Information Act, for the past 5 calendar years, from 2018 to the present and where the location is a school:

- 1) The number of knife crime offences split by:***
 - a) offence type***
 - b) knife type***
 - c) what the knife was used for (ie stabbing, threatening)***
 - d) Victim and suspect demographics, including but not limited to age, gender, ethnicity and relationship between victim and suspect***

Clarification from applicant – to remove 1b and 1c from response.

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, Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To be able to provide the data for the first part of this request would require a manual search to be able to include the specifics of this request that you have asked for relating to "relationship between victim and suspect". Initial searches provided over 14,000 Crime incidents and as such it is anticipated it will take over 18hrs to provide the detailed breakdown of the data asked for.

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 revising to remove the question asking for the breakdown of "relationship between victim and suspect".

The more specifics being asked for may always be subject to a manual search to determine if its relevant to a request made. 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 exceeded (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Request Part 2 Response

The requested information is exempt under section 21 – **Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The information referred in request part 2 is already available in the Public Domain. Please follow the links below.

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/foi-media/greater-manchester/disclosure-2023/august/01.foi.23.011197.k-blade-or-point-on-school-premises.pdf>