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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011452/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1) How many application packs for Stalking Protection Orders were completed by police officers/staff in Greater Manchester Police during the period 01 May 2022 – 31 December 2022? (If possible, please indicate the month of application. If this is too onerous, a total is sufficient).**
 - a. Of these application packs, how many were authorised by superintendents (or equivalent) and put before the court?**
- 2) Of the Stalking Protection Orders put before the court by Greater Manchester Police in the period 01 May 2022 – 31 December 2022, how many were granted by the court?**
- 3) How many application packs for Interim Stalking Protection Orders were completed by police officers/staff in Greater Manchester Police during the period 01 May 2022 – 31 December 2022? (If possible, please indicate the month of application. If this is too onerous, a total is sufficient).**
 - a. Of these application packs, how many were authorised by superintendents (or equivalent) and put before the court?**
- 4) Of the Interim Stalking Protection Orders put before the court by Greater Manchester Police in the period 01 May 2022 – 31 December 2022, how many were granted by the court?**
- 5) How many stalking incidents were recorded by Greater Manchester Police in the period 01 May 2022 – 31 December 2022? (If possible, please indicate the month of application. If this is too onerous, a total is sufficient).**
 - a. If this data is available, please indicate how many of these incidents were flagged as cyber-dependant and/or cyber-enabled.**

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 supply all of it as exemptions apply.

However, Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this 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 returned, questions 1, 2, 3 & 4 have been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/individuals, 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.

Please see a response to the remainder of the request below.

Question 5

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 stalking crimes (Home Office classification 8Q) with a created date between 1st May 2022 and 31st December 2022, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

Count of Crimes	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Online Flag = Y	118	97	116	103	99	118	93	127
Online Flag = N	668	644	671	714	650	629	621	566