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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012294/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/03/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

This FOI request is seeking information in relation to recorded hate crimes and hate crime incidents for the two-year period from January 1st 2022 until December 31st 2023.

For the avoidance of doubt I require each year to be detailed separately so for each year separately (2022 and 2023) please provide details of:

A. The total number of recorded hate crimes with them also being classified by reference to each 'hate element' separately (i.e. 'race', 'disability' etc).

B. For the hate crimes tagged with the hate element of transgender, gender expression, gender reassignment, transphobia or any similar terminology, the number of crimes for each crime type (e.g. Assault with injury, Assault without injury etc.) (for the avoidance of doubt, also provided separately by year).

C. The total number of non-crime hate incidents recorded for each year again classified by the relevant 'hate element'.

D. For the non-crime hate incidents tagged with the hate element of transgender, gender expression, gender reassignment, transphobia or any similar terminology, the specific type of incident referred to and relevant details of each incident.

Clarification on D.

Whenever your force records a non-crime hate incident two things, at least, are evident a) that there is no recordable crime and b) that someone has made a determination that there was 'hate' identified during the course of investigating the incident.

If follows from b) above that for each incident there must be at least one factor that was considered to 'hate' sufficient to lead to the recording. These factors can be disclosed without breaching confidentiality and it is these factors (at least one for each) I wish disclosure of for each such incident where the hate element relates to transgender issues.

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 the information you have requested as exemptions apply.

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.

Responses to A and C are exempt under **section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The response to this request is available online. Please follow the links below.

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/police-forces/greater-manchester-police/areas/greater-manchester-force-content/sd/stats-and-data/hate-crime/>

Please see the remaining responses below.

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.

Hate crime:

- This data contains hate crimes with a created date between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2023, where the transgender hate motivation flag is selected, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- We are aware of a system issue affecting migrated crimes with some crime flags. This issue caused flags to be lost i.e. change from Yes to blank incorrectly during the migration process. The following flags are affected:
 - Hate crime flag

Non-crime hate incidents:

- This data contains non-crime hate incidents with a created date between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2023, where the transgender hate motivation flag is selected, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- There can be more than one closing code attached to an incident. For this reason, the total number of closing code descriptions for the non-crime hate incidents is not the same as the number of non-crime hate incidents on the GMP website.

B - Hate crime:

Crime Tree Level 4	2022	2023
Residential burglary	0	2
Robbery of personal property	0	4
All other theft offences	4	3
Criminal damage and arson offences	12	11
Miscellaneous crimes against society	3	3
Other sexual offences	7	3
Possession of weapon offences	2	1
Public order offences	124	100
Shoplifting	0	1
Stalking and harassment	118	144
Theft from the person	1	0
Vehicle offences	0	1
Violence with injury	25	17
Violence without injury	37	45

D - Non-crime hate incidents:

Incident Closure Code Description	2022	2023
Violence	11	6
Other Crime	10	8
Contact Record / Message / Information	3	3
Malicious / Nuisance Communications	3	3
Cancel / Exit / Error	1	0
Neighbours	0	1
Duplicate	1	0
(blank)	1	1