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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012205/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please can you provide the following information.

1.

- a. How many police officers are in your force?***
- b. How many of these officers are dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse / are domestic abuse specialists? What is the name of the role/roles if there is one?***
 - i. (N.B., police officers dedicated to dealing with domestic abuse will be called domestic abuse specialists in the following questions - please still provide answers if they have a different official title)***
- c. What is the gender makeup of your domestic abuse specialists, if you have them?***
- d. Do you have a specialist domestic abuse team in the force? If so, what is the name of the team? And who do they report to?***
- e. If you have domestic abuse specialists, how does someone become a domestic abuse specialist in your force? I.e. do they put themselves forward, or are they selected by an individual from the force. Who makes the decision for this promotion?***

2. Please describe in detail how your force handles domestic abuse cases from the initial 999 call to the case being passed on to the CPS.

- a. What are the steps involved?***
- b. What is the average time for a victim to have their case passed on to the CPS?***

For questions 1a, 1b and 1c, please provide data for each quarter of the last 5 years, if you have this on record. If you do not, please give data for as many of the five years as you have.

If requesting 5 years of data means that this request exceeds the cost limit under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the maximum amount of data that you are able to within the

cost limit, starting with the most recent data you have available and working backwards in time.

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.

Question 1.

- A. Data based on quarters through financial year 1st April to 31st March with the exception of 2024.

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
30th June	6,356	6,710	7,081	7,229	7,823
30th Sep	6,433	6,884	7,137	7,406	7,919
31st Dec	6,557	6,912	7,189	7,592	7,914
31st Mar	6,771	6,989	7,277	7,849	7,937 (as of 29/02/24)

- B. There are currently no specialist domestic abuse officer roles – all of GMP's officers are trained (mandatory) to respond to domestic abuse.
- C. N/A
- D. No
- E. N/A

Question 2a.

The initial receipt of a report of domestic abuse is the beginning of an investigation and offers GMP the first opportunity to show compassion and reassure often, frightened, and fearful abuse victims in their time of need.

GMP follows all the College of Policing guidance in relation to APP (Authorised Professional Practice) from the initial call handling to the case being passed to the CPS.

This includes:

- Ensuring Immediate safety.
- Early identification and intervention.
- Full and thorough investigations.
- Evidence led prosecutions.
- Full use of the bail act in accordance with NPCC guidance.
- All cases submitted on evidential threshold to the CPS.

All DA cases are treated on an individual basis and all cases can vary.

Please see the following links in which GMP follow when handling each DA case.

<https://www.college.police.uk/app/major-investigation-and-public-protection/domestic-abuse/call-handler-quick-reference-guide-domestic-abuse>

<https://www.college.police.uk/app/major-investigation-and-public-protection/adults-risk>

Question 2b.

- Due to variable factors out of GMP's control we cannot answer this part of the request.

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