



**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
**Our ref:** FOI/24/012223/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

**REQUEST 1:**

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***What would you like to know?: In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible:***

***Please can I have the number of "racially motivated hate crimes in conjunction with sexual assaults" incidents that have been reported to your force. Please can I have these broken down for calendar years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-2023.***

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**REQUEST 2:**

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***What would you like to know?: Please can I have the number of "racially motivated hate crime in conjunction with sexual assault" incidents that have been successfully prosecuted after investigations by your force under the the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and Sexual Offences Act 2003. Please can I have these broken down for calendar years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-2023.***

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**REQUEST 3:**

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***What would you like to know?: Please can I have the number of " domestic abuse where the victim also experienced racially motivated abuse by the perpetrator " incidents that have been reported to your force . Please can I have these broken down for calendar years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-2023.***

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#### **REQUEST 4:**

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***What would you like to know?: Please can I have the number of “domestic abuse where the victim also experienced racially motivated abuse by the perpetrator” incidents that have been successfully prosecuted after investigations by your force under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and Domestic abuse act 2021. Please can I have these broken down for calendar years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-2023***

#### **Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To determine if a Hate Flag attached to a crime relates to ‘*Racially Motivated Hate*’ we would have to manually review all crimes with a flag attached. A search of GMPs records shows a total of 1,524 crimes with a Hate Flag attached. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per record would take this request to in excess of 127 hours to provide a response.

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 to be reduced to a much shorter time period. 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](mailto: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 exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

#### **Caveats:**

1. The crime totals are for financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 & 2022/23 respectively. The request asked for calendar year but then gave the format as financial year.
2. The month relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the crime was committed.
3. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
4. Please note Sexual Assault Crimes includes Rape Crimes - Included within the initial search were crimes with the 'Crime Tree Level Four' as Rape or Other Sexual Assault.
5. The results are then filtered to any that have a Hate Flag recorded - Please note we cannot break this down specifically to 'Racially motivated hate'. This would involve going into each individual record & would exceed the time limit of 18 Hours.
6. For DA Crimes the 'All Crimes' report has been filtered to crimes with a 'DA' (Domestic Abuse) Flag and a Hate Flag. Again we cannot separate the 'Racially motivated hate' crimes.
7. Included within Successful Prosecutions are Charged Outcomes Only.

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 low numbers being returned, some of the results have been replaced with X, as by providing all this information would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

|              | <b>Sexual Assault Crimes</b> | <b>No. Involving Racially Motivated Hate</b> | <b>Successful Prosecutions</b> |
|--------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 2019/ 2020   | 8,831                        | 24   | X                              |
| 2020/ 2021   | 8,733                        | 20   | X                              |
| 2021/ 2022   | 11,961                       | 45   | X                              |
| 2022/ 2023   | 12,430                       | 41   | X                              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>41,955</b>                | <b>130</b>                                   | <b>5</b>                       |

|              | <b>Domestic Abuse Crimes</b> | <b>No. Involving Racially Motivated Hate</b> | <b>Successful Prosecutions</b> |
|--------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 2019/ 2020   | 40,829                       | 189  | 13                             |
| 2020/ 2021   | 53,197                       | 346  | 31                             |
| 2021/ 2022   | 68,833                       | 443  | 25                             |
| 2022/ 2023   | 73,185                       | 416  | 53                             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>236,044</b>               | <b>1,394</b>                                 | <b>122</b>                     |