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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012925/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

March 2021 – March 2022

- 1. How many missing children incidents were recorded as high, medium and low risk in each month from March 2021 – March 2022?***
- 2. Of the high risk cases, in each month what number of the missing incidents were reported from:***
 - Home***
 - Hospital***
 - Care settings***
 - Other (please provide a list of the other types of locations recorded)***
- 3. In what number of incidents was a suicide marker recorded in each month? Please provide these figures broken down by gender Please provide these figures broken down by risk assessment level***
- 4. In what number of incidents was a self-harm marker recorded in each month? Please provide these figures broken down by gender Please provide these figures broken down by risk assessment level***
- 5. What outcomes were recorded in each month at the point of case closure (for example, found safe and well, found deceased, experienced harm, etc.)***

March 2022 – March 2023

- 6. How many missing children incidents were recorded as high, medium and low risk in each month from March 2022 to March 2023?***

7. Of the high risk cases, in each month what number of the missing incidents were reported from:

- **Home**
- **Hospital**
- **Care settings**
- **Other (please provide a list of the other types of locations recorded)**

**8. In what number of incidents was a suicide marker recorded in each month?
Please provide these figures broken down by gender Please provide these figures broken down by risk assessment level**

**9. In what number of incidents was a self-harm marker recorded in each month?
Please provide these figures broken down by gender Please provide these figures broken down by risk assessment level**

10. What outcomes were recorded in each month at the point of case closure (for example, found safe and well, found deceased, experienced harm, etc.)

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, GMP does not hold all the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

To fully respond to this FOI request, GMP would need to carry out a substantial review manually for questions 3-4-8-9. Every missing person record would need to be checked to be able to provide the information required. Due to the large number recorded each month, this request would far exceed the time limit allowed of 18hrs.

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 you are requesting will need revising to a much shorter time frame and /or a reduction in the volume of information being requested. Removing questions 3/4/8/9 may also allow for the remaining data to be provided. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.