

Date: 28th August 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/012951/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. Could you provide the total number of Violence Against the Person criminal investigations concluded during June 2024?**
- 2. In the same Violence Against the Person criminal investigations concluded during June 2024, could you provide the number of cases in which CCTV footage was reviewed?**
- 3. Please provide the number of crimes that took place in schools, nurseries/kindergartens, hospitals/hospices, and care homes- in the first half of 2024.**
- 4. Referring to the same crimes that took place in schools, nurseries/kindergartens, hospitals/hospices, and care homes in the first half of 2024, in what number of cases was CCTV footage reviewed as part of the investigation?**
- 5. Referring to the same crimes that took place in schools, nurseries/kindergartens, hospitals/hospices, and care homes in the first half of 2024, in what number of cases did your teams find that the CCTV in question was not available or existent to corroborate the reported incident?**

*****Clarification*****

Thank you for reaching out for clarification. We're looking for the number of 'violence against the person' crimes that occurred in June 2024, so providing the number of crime records created in June 2024 works fine thanks you.

For Question 3, could you please search for the number of violence against the person crimes that took place at the following searchable locations, from 2022 to June 2024: College, Further Education, Not Applicable, Nursery, Playground, School, and all Hospital Crime MO Sub Categories. If you could provide a figure per requested sub category that would be great thanks.

We've also become aware that forces are not obligated to work until the FOI Section 12 act becomes applicable, as requested in Questions 2, 4, and 5. If possible, please only review the 33 most recent crime records for each location to determine if CCTV was reviewed, or if no CCTV was available.

I appreciate this is a slightly complicated request, so thanks again for taking the time to compile this data.

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 for questions 2, 4 and 5 in an easily retrievable format. The information requested is not held centrally and would require all crime reports to be manually reviewed to collate the information required and even then, the information may not be accurate or held. Crime reports can vary in size and therefore to manually review the 66 crime reports as requested, at a very conservative estimate of 30 minutes per crime would take this request to in excess of 33 hours to ascertain the data required.

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. For example you could remove question 2, 4 and 5. 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