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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013262/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information from any 10 cases dating 03/03/2015 – present that have been flagged as Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) as per the Home Office Crime Recording Rules. These include:

- *all DA flagged offences, including domestic homicide*
- *all HBA flagged offences, including forced marriage and FGM*
- *all sexual offences*
- *stalking*
- *coercive and controlling behaviour*
- *harassment (8L only)*
- *threaten to/disclose private images (revenge porn)*
- *up-skirting*

For each case, I would like to receive the following documents with all personally identifiable information redacted:

- *occurrence enquiry log*
- *MG5/MG5X (where applicable)*
- *MG6*
- *MG6C*
- *MG12*

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For each case, I would like to receive the following information:

1. *A brief (1-2 sentences), redacted summary of the circumstances of the initial report.*
2. *Which of the following categories do(es) the allegation(s) correspond to (select all that apply)?*
 - a. *All DA flagged offences, including domestic homicide*
 - b. *All HBA flagged offences, including forced marriage and FGM*
 - c. *All sexual offences*
 - d. *Stalking*
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 - f. *Threaten to/disclose private images (revenge porn)*
 - g. *Up-skirting*
3. *Was CCTV evidence collected post-event by police (yes/no/not applicable)*
4. *Was CCTV evidence used during investigation? (yes/no/not applicable)*

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, I am not obliged to supply you with all the information as exemptions apply.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) 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. Where redactions occur in the below table, this is because that information you have requested is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information**.

Additionally, we are unable to provide the “occurrence enquiry log” as this information is exempt under the following exemptions: **Section 31 (1)(a) – Law Enforcement** and **Section 40(2) – Personal Information**.

In both instances where Section 40 has been used, this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable

natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Evidence of Harm

Disclosure of the information contained within crime reports could be of intelligence value to persons with criminal or malicious intent. The disclosure could provide criminals with information on investigative strategies and techniques. This could allow criminals to develop tactics to avoid detection by working against current investigative strategies and target perceived weaknesses or avoid perceived strengths in the investigation process. Providing details of investigative techniques and strategies provides opportunities for criminality to benefit, or for risks to be extended to members of the public.

Public Interest Test Section 31 - Factors favouring disclosure

Providing this information would make members of the public more aware of how crimes are investigated and the reasons why decisions to take further action or not are made. It will also show accountability and that public funds are being spent appropriately.

Section 31 - Factors favouring non-disclosure

The Police Service exists to protect and serve the public through the prevention and detection of crime. To provide such information could compromise law enforcement tactics which would hinder GMP's ability to successfully investigate crimes. The threat of crime will increase as more crimes are committed because of criminals gaining knowledge about the capabilities of the forces. Therefore, the public will be placed at a greater risk. A fear of crime will be realised as criminals identify different techniques and strategies used target and exploit this resulting in the public being in fear of more criminal activity occurring. The safety of the public is of paramount importance to Greater Manchester Police and to release the requested information would compromise the safety of the community that Greater Manchester Police serve to protect and place individuals at risk.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest Greater Manchester Police must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be openness. However, this needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure which is the fact that individuals may be placed at risk and the affect it may have on the prevention and detection of crime and protecting the people and communities we serve. Having considered all the factors for and against disclosure, the reason against disclosure outweighs the reason for disclosure and so the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those pieces of information.

The rest of the information you have requested is not exempt and is provided below. It is subject to the following 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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

Home Office Offence Level	DV Related?	FGM Related?	Crime MO Description	CCTV Collected Post Event (Y/N/NA)	CCTV used in investigation (Y/N/NA)	Outcome
Criminal damage to a dwelling: value of less than £5,000	Y	N	DURING VERBAL ARGUMENT OFFENDER- WHO IS AP'S SON- THROWS ITEMS AROUND THE HOUSE CAUSING DAMAGE TO DOOR FRAME.	N	N	SUSP ID'D- VICT DOESN'T SUPPORT (16)
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Y	N	DV CRIME OFFENDER - HUSBAND OF A/P - ASSAULTS VICTIMBY UNKNOWN MEANS RESULTING IN PAIN AND SWELLING TO LEFT EYE AREA.	N	N	INV COMPLETE: NO SUSP ID'D (18)
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Y	N	DV assault: Known offender who is boyfriend of victim becomes involved in a verbal altercation with the victims. During this the offender grabs the victim by the throat before grabbing her shoulders and pushing her in to the wall 3 times. Victims head collides with wall causing bleeding to the rear of her head. Offender arrested at scene.	N	N	Suspect Identified- Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Y	N	AP who is attending her sister and brother in laws New Year's eve party at there home address believes whilst in the back garden she has been assaulted by	N	N	Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Suspect No Identified (14)

			someone by receiving a punch to the rear of the head causing bruising and slight swelling by unknown offender as she refuses to state who caused the injury.			
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	Y	N	DV CRIME - Whilst at the address visiting children the offender who is ex partner steals her car keys and phone and then her vehicle	N	N	Suspect Identified- Victim Does not Support (16)
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	Y	N	AP alleges her phone has been stolen by ex partner on release from custody.	N	N	Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)
Other criminal damage to a residence	Y	N	Known male has visited his mother's address and tried to enter in an intoxicated state. She has refused entry and he has smashed the front door with a pole, causing damage.	N	N	Suspect Identified- Victim Does not Support (16)
Other criminal damage to a residence	Y	N	Known offender has thrown a brick through the window causing damage and has smashed the kitchen window later in the day	Y	Y	Adult Caution (3A)
Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	Y	N	Named offenders the APs daughter and the daughter's boyfriend were left downstairs when the AP went to bed last night, AP got up this morning and discovered her daughter, daughter's boyfriend have stolen the APs motor vehicle and also her GHD hair straighteners and a hairdryer. Offenders have made off with same in an unknown	N	N	Suspect Identified- Victim Does not Support (16)

			direction in the stolen vehicle.			
Theft if not classified elsewhere	Y	N	In relation to [REDACTED]	N	N	Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)

None of the crimes in the above sample had MG5, MG5X, MG6, MG6C or MG12 documents associated with them. As such, no information is held in relation to that part of your request.