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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013666/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1 a) From 01/01/2019 to 19/11/24, how many domestic homicide offences, where a woman was killed by her current or former male partner have been recorded by your police force?

1 b) In each of these domestic homicide offences, how many victims were flagged with a domestic violence marker associated with:

- Their name*
- And/or address*
- And/or telephone number*
- Current or former male partner*

1 c) of those deaths, how many were investigated as possible homicides?

1 d) of those which were investigated as possible homicides, how many arrests were made of the woman's current or former male partner?

1 e) of those partners or former partners who were arrested, how many were subsequently charged with her murder?

1 f) How many were charged with her manslaughter?

1 g) How many were charged with a violent offence or coercive control in relation to that victim following her death?

2 a) From 01/01/2019 to 19/11/24, how many women whose deaths were

reported to your police force as sudden and unexplained had a police record of domestic abuse associated with:

- Their name*
- And/or address*
- And/or telephone number*
- Current or former male partner*

2 b) of those deaths, how many were investigated as possible homicides?

2 c) of those which were investigated as possible homicides, how many arrests were made of the woman's current or former male partner?

2 d) of those partners or former partners who were arrested, how many were subsequently charged with her murder?

2 e) How many were charged with her manslaughter?

2 f) How many were charged with a violent offence or coercive control in relation to that victim following her death?

3 a) From 01/01/2019 to 19/11/24, how many police officers in your force have been arrested following an allegation of domestic violence?

3 b) How many were subsequently charged?

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.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in question 3 would involve a manual search of professional standards records to establish how many involved an arrest or charge. Prior to 2020 there was no way of capturing arrest and charge data, so the only way to establish this would be to review the records manually.

Between 01/01/2019 and 31/01/2020 there were 178 cases linked to domestic violence that would have to be reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 30 hours to ascertain the data required.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 greatly reduced 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