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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/013779/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/12/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The total number of Offences across all affected cases, which couldn't be Prosecuted/Considered for Prosecution, as the Statute of Limitations (for affected Offences) had lapsed. Please may I clarify here, if there have been cases in which multiple Offences couldn't be Prosecuted/Considered for Prosecution (due to Statutory Time Limits lapsing), please might it be possible to get the total number of Offences which couldn't be proceeded with.

I understand Statutory Time Limits may lapse during initial investigations, or, whilst cases are being reconsidered under (Police and CPS) Victim's Right to Review schemes - Please may I request figures for the total number of cases (by year, if possible) which couldn't be Prosecuted/Considered for Prosecution, due to Statutory Time Limits lapsing (regardless of the stage at which STLs may have lapsed).

Please might it be possible to request this information for the last 20 years?

In the interests of disclosure, my interest in the requested information stems from:

New, and proposed - Baroness Owen's Private Members' Bill - Offences recently inserted into/Proposed to be inserted into the Sexual Offences Act 2003, are affected by Statutory Time Limits - That this is occurring in a time where Police are already tasked with incredibly large, challenging workloads (which I express deep admiration for), raises concerns.

I thank you for your time. And I hope it may be possible for you to provide these figures

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 not held by Greater Manchester Police.

Greater Manchester Police do not hold data relating to prosecutions. For this information you will need to redirect your request to His Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service (HMCTS).