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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011914/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/01/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *For adult rape crimes investigated by Greater Manchester Police that led to an offender being charged in the last five years, please provide the date the investigation opened and the date the offender was charged in each case. (To be clear, I would like details for all adult rape crimes where the offender was charged within the last five years, even if the investigation was opened before that period.)*
2. *For all adult rape crimes still being investigated by Greater Manchester Police that have yet to see an outcome, please provide the the date the investigation was opened. (Again, to be clear, in this case I would like details for all adult rape crimes that have yet to see an outcome regardless of the date the investigation was opened, and not just those from the last five years.)*

I would prefer this data to be supplied via email in soft copy spreadsheet (.xls) format.

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 the information as an exemption applies.

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. The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Where Section 40 has been used, this represents information that potentially 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. In this instance, disclosing the specific dates of investigations commencing and charging decisions being made could potentially lead to those involved, including victims and witnesses being identified.

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