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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012556/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/04/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to request data under the FOI Act. Specifically, I would like to know how many offences have been recorded under the new non-fatal strangulation offence (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015 (as amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021), since it was introduced in June 2022. Please provide the following information:

1. How many crimes of non-fatal strangulation (s75A Serious Crime Act 2015) have you recorded between 7 June 2022 and the most recent date for which data is available?

2. Please provide a breakdown of victims and offenders/suspects for non-live by:

- a. Sex/gender (how many female victims, how many male victims, how many unknown and same for offenders/suspects)*
- b. Age group for victims and suspects (16-24, 25-39, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+)*
- c. Ethnicity of victims and suspects (using usual HO categories or whatever you use to organise ethnicity)*
- d. Relationship between victim and suspects (spouse/partner, acquaintance, friend, neighbour, other family member, stranger, relationship not known).*

3. Breakdown of case outcomes: for non-live cases, how many arrests, charges, prosecutions and convictions.

If it is feasible to do so, please distinguish between data for crimes recorded as non-fatal strangulation (defined in s75A Serious Crime Act 2015, as amended by Domestic Abuse Act

2021) and crimes recorded as non-fatal suffocation (defined in s75B Serious Crime Act, as amended by Domestic Abuse Act 2021.)

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

The incomplete month information (as started from 07/06/2023) and any further time period breakdown (monthly, yearly, etc.) have been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

I have provided the data for full month from 01/06/2022 to 31/04/2024 instead.

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.

- The Crime grand total is all the Crimes counted based on a system search using Home Office Code 008/77 and filters for Closed crimes, Gender, Age, Ethnicity, Relationship, and Victim/Offender Outcome for the period 01/06/2022-31/04/2024.
- The recorded time relates to when the crime was created and not when the crime was committed.
- For Ethnicity, Police Defined Ethnicity was used.
- Where possible duplicates have been removed.

Please note, the Home Office Code 008/77 doesn't allow Non-Fatal Strangulation & Non-Fatal Suffocation to be separated, so we are unable to provide that part of the request. Moreover GMP do not hold prosecution and conviction data as this is held by Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.

Victim Data

Non Fatal Strangulation/Suffocation	Total
Total Closed Crimes	3544
Male	613

Female	2902
unknown	8
Missing Value	21

Age	Total
Age (0-15)	246
Age (16-24)	740
Age (25-29)	503
Age (30-34)	566
Age (35-39)	437
Age (40-44)	370
Age (45-49)	250
Age (50-54)	332
Age (55-59)	107
Age (60-64)	63
Age (65-69)	29
Age (70-74)	16
Age (75-79)	12
Age (80-84)	7
Age (85-89)	5
Age (90+)	0

Victim Ethnicity (Police Defined)	Total
Asian	202
Black	158
Chinese, Japanese or any other South East Asian	30
Middle Eastern	31
not recorded/not known	745
White - North European	1845
White - South European	33
(blank)	500

Offender data

Non Fatal strangulation/Suffocation	Total
Total Closed Crimes	3529
Male	609
Female	2891
unknown	8
Missing Value	21

Age	Total
Age (0-15)	100
Age (16-24)	476
Age (25-29)	477
Age (30-34)	560
Age (35-39)	508
Age (40-44)	443
Age (45-49)	283
Age (50-54)	205
Age (55-59)	124
Age (60-64)	68
Age (65-69)	36
Age (70-74)	16
Age (75-79)	12
Age (80-84)	7
Age (85-89)	9
Age (90+)	0

Offender Ethnicity (Police Defined)	Total
Asian	318
Black	305
Chinese, Japanese or any other South East Asian	21
Middle Eastern	29
not recorded/not known	286
White - North European	2233
White - South European	46
(blank)	291

Offender/Victim outcomes

Outcomes	Total
Solved	676
Prosecution prevented or not in public interest	39
Suspect not identified, victim not supporting	74
Suspect identified, insufficient evidence (CPS)	222
Suspect identified, insufficient evidence (Police)	917
Suspect identified, victim not supporting	1217
Investigation complete - no suspect identified	87
Suspect Status	264
All other outcomes	33

Relationship

Relationship	Total
Acquaintance/other known relationship	135
Brother/step-brother/half-brother/adopted brother/sister/step-sister/half-sister/adopted sister	88
Ex-partner: heterosexual partnership	711
Ex-partner: non-heterosexual partnership	32
Ex-partner: partnership not known	18
Grandchild/step-grandchild/adopted grandchild	5
Grandparent/step-grandparent/adopted grandparent	6
Missing Value	1046
Not known/no current suspect	57
Other relative	35
Other sexual relationship	17
Parent/step-parent/adopted parent	142
Partner: heterosexual partnership	1015
Partner: non-heterosexual partnership	44
Partner: partnership not known	17
Son/step-son/half-son/adopted son/daughter/step-daughter/half-daughter/adopted daughter	116
Stranger	45
(blank)	15