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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012582/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/05/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST 1:

What would you like to know?: I am requesting data to do research on the effects of the recent wars in Ukraine and Gaza on racial and religious hate crime. I would like to have a list of hate crimes reported to the police with the following information for each incident: hate crime bias (race, faith, etc.), crime subclassification (violence against the person, arson, harassment, etc.), date (at least month and year, day also is preferred), indicator if police reported race/religion as Jewish, indicator if victim reported race/religion as Jewish, indicator if police reported ethnicity or nationality as Ukrainian, indicator if victim reported ethnicity or nationality as Ukrainian, indicator if police reported ethnicity or nationality as Russian, indicator if victim reported ethnicity or nationality as Russian, indicator if police reported religion is Islam or race is Arab/Middle Eastern, and indicator if victim reported religion is Islam or race is Arab/Middle Eastern. I would like this data for the years 2019-2023.

If a list of hate crimes reported is not possible I would instead ask for a monthly count of racial or religious hate crime against each of the four groups (Ukrainian, Russian, Jewish, Muslim or Arab). Finally, I would like a count of total monthly hate crime broken down by racial, faith, disability, sexual orientation, and Transgender for the same period as above.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: As a second project I will look at the relationship between education and hate crime participation. For this I would like a list of arrests for hate crime with the following information: hate crime bias, date of incident (at least year, month and day preferred), birthdate of suspect (at least year, month also preferred), suspect gender, and

suspect ethnicity. Of these, the last two are not required and can be omitted if necessary to avoid this request being denied. I would like this data for as many years possible, as early as 2012, with preference for more recent years.

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 held by GMP.

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.

- This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/01/19 and 31/12/23, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- This data contains crimes where the 'first nationality description' contains 'Ukrainian', 'Russian' or 'Arab' excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- We are aware of a system issue affecting **migrated crimes with some crime flags**. This issue caused flags to be lost i.e. change from Yes to blank incorrectly during the migration process. The following flags are affected:
 - o Hate crime flag
 - o Race hate motivation flag
 - o Religion hate motivation flag
- Hate crimes may have more than one motivation e.g. race and religion. This means that the numbers for each motivation will **add up to more than the total number of hate crimes**.
- Analysis has suggested that GMP recorded hate crimes may be higher than the numbers reported. This appears to be owing to inconsistency in the use of hate crime flags and qualifiers on the recording system. As such we would advise caution in interpreting the level of hate crime reported. We are reassured that all crimes are being recorded, but some may not be flagged as hate which may affect counts and any analysis conducted on this data.

Year	Total Hate Crimes	Perceived Religion Jewish	Perceived Religion Muslim
2019	50	12	38
2020	503	96	412
2021	706	179	534
2022	576	121	460
2023	703	299	412

Due to low numbers being returned, some of the totals have been replaced with X, as by providing all this information as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Arson and Criminal Damage	X	41	36	33	41
Public Order Offences	27	224	264	239	211

Violence Against the Person	7	138	202	170	148
Burglary	-	X	X	X	X
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	-	X	8	X	X
Possession of Weapons	-	X	X	X	-
Theft	-	X	8	X	X
Vehicle Offences	-	X	X	X	X
Robbery	-	-	6	X	-
Sexual Offences	-	-	-	X	X

Regarding part of request 1 you can find Hate Crime data on GMP website. We publish Hate Crime statistics split by motivation, such as disability, race, and sexual orientation. Please follow the below link:

[Hate crime performance data | Greater Manchester Police \(gmp.police.uk\)](https://gmp.police.uk/hate-crime-performance-data)

Due to the low numbers returned nationality and year totals have been merged together as by providing all this information split as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Nationality	Total
Saudi Arabia	24
United Arab Emirates	10
United Arab Republics	3
Yemen (Arab Republic)	12