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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012408/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1a) How many people did you charge for racially aggravated malicious communications?

1b) If recorded include numbers and/or a percentage summary of ethnicity of those charged.

1c) If a record of the complainant exists please also provide summary of complainant ethnicity

Please provide this data for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

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 the number of offenders with outcome 1A 'charged' with a latest outcome date between 1st January 2019 and 31st March 2024, on crimes recorded under Home Office classification 8R 'malicious communications' where the hate crime flag was ticked and the racial motivation was ticked, excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.
- The date in the table is the latest person outcome year.

- 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:
 - Hate crime flag
 - Race hate motivation flag
- We are aware of a system issue affecting suspect outcomes for migrated crimes with more than one suspect attached. This issue means that the outcome shown for some suspects attached to migrated crimes may be incorrect.
- There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime. For this reason, the number of offenders in the response table is not the same as the number of crimes. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects.
- Our system also allows offenders to be added to a crime with different ethnicities, therefore the same offender may be counted on the same crime more than once. This affects 12 crimes in this dataset.

Question 1a.

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Due to some low returned results for 1b and 1c, the data has been provided with the total number of Ethnicity's between 2019-2024, as by providing all this information split by individual years 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 presenting the data in this way allows it to be provided in its entirety.

Question 1b.

Offender Self-Declared Ethnicity	Total
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	2
Asian - Indian	4
Asian - Pakistani	5
Black - Caribbean	1
Mixed - White and Asian	1
Not Provided	16
Not Stated	6
White - Any Other White Background	1
White - British	34

Question 1c.

Victim Ethnicity	Total
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	1
Asian - Indian	1
Asian - Pakistani	1
Black - African	2
Black - Any Other Black Background	4
Black - Caribbean	1
British	1
Not Provided	24
Not Stated	2
Other – Chinese	4

Unknown	1
White - Any Other White Background	3
White - British	19
Blank	15

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