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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012526/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Of the reported domestic abuse incidents between 2019-2024 how many of the victims were pregnant? Please give a yearly breakdown.

Of those reported incidents how many of those resulted in the perpetrator being charged with an offence? Please give a yearly breakdown and if within cost limits a breakdown of offence types. Of these, what was the gender, and if possible, age and geographic makeup of the suspected perpetrators?

If you do not currently keep such statistics on domestic violence in pregnancy, what is the reason for this?

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

There is currently no marker on our systems to select if a DA victim is pregnant. Therefore, a manual review will be required to be able to reply to this request. The information would be recorded on the incident logs, and we would need to check all the logs to see if the victim was pregnant at the time of the incident being reported. For the period in question (2019-2024) there were over 307,000 recorded DA incidents. To look at each of these records to establish if the victim was pregnant would take approx. 25,000 hours.

Therefore, as per **section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of

locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

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

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising to a much shorter time frame and a reduction in the information being requested. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.