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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013495/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information:

The number of "honour-based" abuse (HBA) or "honour-based" violence (HBV) for the following periods:

2019/20
2020/21
2021/22
2022/23
2023/24
2024/25

Please could you provide me with a breakdown of incidents in categories on the types of offences, such as FGM, breast flattening etc?

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, I am not obliged to provide all this information to you as an exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, 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.

A yearly breakdown of "A breakdown of the incidents in categories on the types of offences" has not been provided as this information would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individuals concerned. Victims of Female Genital Mutilation have lifelong anonymity under Section 71 of the Serious Crime Act 2015. A breach of their anonymity is a summary offence which carries an unlimited fine. Due to this, the information you have requested is exempt under **Section 44(1)(a) - Prohibitions on Disclosure**. We have instead provided the total figures for 2019-Present.

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

The information that is not exempt is provided below. It is subject to the following caveats:

The crime grand total is all the Crimes where a Qualifier code of either C58 - Honour Based 17 Years & Under or C59 - Honour Based 18 Years + has been used for the period 01/04/2019-21/04/2024.

Please note 2019/ 2020 is from July 2019 & not April 2019 due to the change in GMP Systems (see note below). The current financial year, 2024/ 2025 is up to 21/10/2024.

The month relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the incident occurred.

Where possible duplicates have been removed.

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.

	HBA/ HBV Incidents
2019/ 2020	28
2020/ 2021	45
2021/ 2022	30
2022/ 2023	54
2023/ 2024	33
2024/ 2025	27

	DA/ DV	Forced Marriage	FGM	Hate	HBV Marker/ Airport Alert
Total	129	55	6	6	21