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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/013414/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Could you provide the following with timeframe from January 1, 2020 until December 31, 2021. The timeline for this request has been intentionally extended due to the decline in crime rate as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

1. A list of the number of child trafficking or abduction crimes with an ambulance vehicle used as a means to commit such crime (s).

2. A list of the number of crimes where such ambulance use described above has been traced to a paramedic working in an NHS Ambulance Service. The paramedic can be involved in part or wholly in the commission of this crime.

Due to the nature of this request as a recurring FOI, I'm appealing that this request is expedited and available records released as soon as possible.

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 not 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. Any data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

I have ran a search on the below Home Office Crimes Codes for Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking and Kidnapping/Abduction offences (where the victim was a juvenile) recorded between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2021 inclusive.

Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking

- 036/06 – Hold person in slavery or servitude
- 036/07 – Require person to perform forced or compulsory labour
- 036/08 – Arrange or facilitate travel of another person with a view to exploitation
- 036/10 – Commit offence other than kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation
- 036/11 – Commit offence of kidnapping or false imprisonment with intention of arranging travel with view to exploitation

Kidnapping/Abduction

- 013/01 – Abduction of a child by parent
- 013/02 – Abduction of child by other persons
- 036/01 – Kidnapping

Response

The searches which have been conducted have returned zero results, therefore no information is held relevant to this request.