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Monday, 23 September 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013208/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/09/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS):

"The designation 'suspected suicide' is provided by the police and the term is used because the cause of death has not yet been confirmed by coroner inquest. When 'sudden and unexpected' death occurs, the suspected cause of death is allocated by the attending police officer. There is then a review, based on guidance from the NPCC, before a death is reported as a 'suspected suicide'."

- 1. For the year financial year 2023/24, please provide the number of deaths you reported as 'suspected suicide'.*
- 2. Please provide the number of reviews you carried out during the same period of decisions taken by attending officers to designate deaths as 'suspected suicide'.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

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.

- 1) 1st Jan 2023 – 30th June 2024 – GMP have recorded 413 suspected suicides.

- 2) Each one of these deaths will have been attended by a Detective Inspector and subsequently reviewed by a Police Coroners Officer before recording as suspected suicide.