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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013255/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/09/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. *The number of sexual harassment cases targeted at women so far this calendar year on Greater Manchester trains (up to October 2024).***
- 2. *The number of sexual harassment cases in the last calendar year towards women on Greater Manchester trains (Jan. 23-Dec 23)***
- 3. *The number of cases of targeted violence towards women in the 2024 year on Greater Manchester trains (up to October 2024)***
- 4. *The number of cases of targeted violence towards women in the 2023 year on Greater Manchester trains. Jan 23-Dec 23.***

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.

To facilitate this request, GMP would need to complete a substantial manual review of all the recorded crimes that relate to this request to establish if the crimes took place on "Manchester trains", as we do not have a field to provide this information on its own. Initial searches have brought back almost 8,000 crimes combined for 'other sexual offences' and 'rape' crimes. It also reveals over 73,000 'violence against the person' crimes between 01/01/2024 and 30/09/2024. I am absolutely confident that to locate, retrieve and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in so doing would exceed the fees limits.

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 attempt to keep within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising to a much shorter time frame. 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.