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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013259/K

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

- 1. All instances of gender-based violence in Greater Manchester between January 2023 and September 2024.***
- 2. The gender of each victim of gender-based violence.***
- 3. The name of the Metropolitan District or Borough each act of gender-based violence occurred in.***

Clarification - Yes, I am referring to hate crime with gender as a motivator.

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.

GMP do not have a flag that identifies gender as a motivation for hate crime, therefore, to be able to provide a response to this request, a manual review will need to be undertaken for all the hate crimes to understand if the motivation was due to the person's gender. Given the scale of this review vs the number of hate crimes reported daily along with a timeframe of over 18 months this request cannot be completed with the 18hrs permitted to do so.

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 request data for this request by using the specific HO Code that matches the requested information or closest to it. A shorter timeframe may also be of use. However, 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.

The list of HO codes can be found on the below link.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counting-rules-for-recorded-crime>

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request. I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

GMP do publish Hate Crimes via the GMP website found below. Here you may find data that may fit your request such as Transgender Hate Crimes. <https://www.gmp.police.uk/police-forces/greater-manchester-police/areas/greater-manchester-force-content/sd/stats-and-data/hate-crime/>