

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
**Our ref:** FOI/24/013108/W

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/013108/W**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/08/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***For the full request, including definitions of terms used, please find a PDF document attached.***

***Please release the following information relating to people missing in your force area in the following time periods:***

- ***1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023***
  - ***1 January 2024 to 31 May 2024***
- 1. How many individual children were reported missing to your force?***
  - 2. How many individual adults were reported missing to your force?***
  - 3. How many total missing incidents were reported to your force related to children going missing?***
  - 4. How many total missing incidents were reported to your force related to adults going missing?***
  - 5. How many missing incidents resulted in a fatality? Please provide the numbers for children and adults separately***
  - 6. Please could you share the causes of death in those fatal cases***

**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.

Question 1

| Year                    | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023 | 5,054 |
| 01/01/2024 – 31/05/2024 | 2,849 |

Question 2

| Year                    | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023 | 9,750 |
| 01/01/2024 – 31/05/2024 | 4,782 |

Question 3

| Year                    | Total  |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023 | 15,645 |
| 01/01/2024 – 31/05/2024 | 6,805  |

Question 4

| Year                    | Total  |
|-------------------------|--------|
| 01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023 | 15,013 |
| 01/01/2024 – 31/05/2024 | 6,792  |

Question 5 & 6

The date range, whether the missing individual was a child or adult and the cause of death have been merged together as by providing all this information split as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of causing distress to the deceased individuals family and friends and as such the exemptions under S38(1) – Health and Safety would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data, it can be provided in its entirety.

The total number of fatalities for the period requested is 81.

**Causes of death:**

- RTC
- Suicide
- Accidental
- Natural Causes

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