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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014486/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I hope you're well. I'm a journalist looking to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act, and I am writing to request the following data:

- 1. The number of reported incidents of sexual assault on flights arriving at/departing from Manchester Airport in the years:***
 - 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014***
 - The age & gender of perpetrators and victims***
- 2. The number of reported incidents of sexual assault in Manchester Airport in the years:***
 - 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014***
 - The age & gender of perpetrators and victims***

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.

Caveat:

- Information within this assessment was obtained from the use of police systems which may be affected by data quality issues and information gaps, due to the reliance of correct data input.**
- Data for 2014 is currently unavailable regarding sexual assault at Manchester Airport.**

- Data has been obtained using official police systems, using the closings codes C20 – Rape, and C21 – Sexual Offence (other than rape), for incidents. Any incidents potentially relating to sexual assault and rape, that have not been closed under the above closing codes, have not been included within this data scope.
- Non-contact sexual offences, such as voyeurism and indecency incidents, have not been included in this data scope.
- Data is limited regarding sexual assault incidents that have happened on flights departing from Manchester Airport, as these are likely to be reported to, and managed by, the destination countries police force.
- Data relating to sexual assaults onboard aircrafts arriving at or departing from Manchester Airport, between 01 January 2014 00:00 and 01 April 2025 00:00. No incidents relating to rape onboard an aircraft have been identified.

Due to some low results, some data has been replaced with X as by providing all this information split by individual year as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Question 1.

Year	Total identified incidents relating to sexual assault onboard aircrafts arriving/departing from Manchester Airport.
2014	Data Unavailable
2015	X
2016	6
2017	8
2018	X
2019	12
2020	X
2021	0
2022	16
2023	11
2024	6
2025	X

Victim Data:

- Please note - Five incidents had two victims linked, and one incident did not have a victim linked.
- 62 of identified victims were female.
- 12 of identified victims were male.

Age	Total
0-10	X
11-19	9
20-29	29
30-39	15
40-49	11

50-59	X
60-69	X
70+	X

Offender Data:

- Please note - Three incidents had no offender, or offender description linked, and one incident had two offenders linked.
- 66 of identified offenders were male.
- X of identified offenders were female.

Age	Total
11-19	X
20-29	14
30-39	14
40-49	13
50-59	15
60-69	X
70+	X

Question 2.

Data relating to sexual assaults on the Manchester Airport footprint between 01 January 2014 00:00 and 01 April 2025 00:00.

Year	Total identified incidents relating to sexual assault at Manchester Airport	Total identified incidents relating to rape at Manchester Airport
2014	Data Unavailable	Data Unavailable
2015	0	x
2016	X	X
2017	5	0
2018	7	0
2019	8	0
2020	X	0
2021	X	0
2022	7	0
2023	8	x
2024	8	0
2025	x	0

Victim Data: Sexual Assault:

- Please note - One incident had two victims linked.
- 44 of identified victims were female.
- 7 of identified victims were male.

Age	Total
11-19	8
20-29	15
30-39	10
40-49	7
50-59	X

60-69	X
70+	X

Victim Data – Rape:

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

This part of the request (Victim Data – Rape) is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Offender Data – Sexual Assault:

- Please note - One incident had two offenders linked.
- 48 of identified offenders were male.
- X of identified offenders were female.

Age	Total
11-19	X
20-29	8
30-39	14
40-49	7
50-59	6
60-69	X
70+	X

Offender Data – Rape:

- Please note - One incident had two offenders linked.
- 7 of identified offenders were male.
- No offenders identified were female.

In addition, Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

This part of the request (Offender age Data – Rape) is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

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