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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014548/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act held in your organisation, up to 5th April 2025 regarding the Greater Manchester Police K Division (Bolton):

- a) The number of allegations of rape that have been reported within the last 12 months***
- b) The number of allegations of rape that have been reported within the last 12 months that led to a formal charge***
- c) The number of allegations of rape that have been reported within the last 12 months that led to being No Further Action***
- d) The number of allegations of rape that have been reported within the last 12 months that were investigated and concluded within 6 months or less***
- e) The number of allegations of rape that have been reported within the last 12 months that were investigated and concluded within 6 months and 12 months***
- f) The number of allegations of rape that have been reported within the last 12 months that were investigated and concluded between 12 months and 2 years***
- g) The number of allegations of rape that have been reported within the last 12 months that were investigated and were subsequently No Further Action due to evidence gathered showing false reporting had occurred.***

Please note statistical information is being requested which does not require the release of any personal data.

Should any exemptions be exercised under the Act to withhold information as requested, please provide supporting information against the exemption to offer context as to the necessity to not supply the information.

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 would be unable to complete all this FOI within the permitted time frame due to the need for a manual trawl of each record found in connection with this request. To provide a response to parts D-F would require a manual review of each log to be able to accurately provide the data for these questions, as we do not record the length of each investigation in a way that can be retrieved without each one being checked. Each case would need to be examined from when it was opened to when the case was closed, and initial searches have revealed this would be the action needed on over 400 records. At approximately 7-10 minutes per each review, this request would take in excess of 60hrs to complete.

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 this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduced time frame or the removal of parts D-F. 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.

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 that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). 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.

- A. In the last 12 months there have been 440 crimes of rape recorded on the K division.
- B. In the same 12 months there have been 38 positive outcomes – **Please note these may not have been reported in the same 12 month period.** However, 18 of those recorded in the past 12 are closed with a positive outcome.
- C. Of the 440 recorded in the last 12 months, 195 have been closed with no further action.