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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014553/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1) *For each of the last 3 financial years and this year to date, how many Section 61 offences (under the Sexual Offences Act 2003), HO code 08805, have been recorded by the force?*
- 2) *For each of the last 3 financial years and this year to date, how many Section 61 offences (under the Sexual Offences Act 2003), HO code 08805, have been recorded by the force where the location of the crime was a residential property? E.g. House/flat/apartment*
- 3) *For each of the last 3 financial years and this year to date, how many Section 61 offences (under the Sexual Offences Act 2003), HO code 08805 have been recorded alongside any of the following: Controlling or Coercive Behaviour in an intimate family or relationship, common assault, battery, Making a threat to kill, Assault occasioning actual bodily harm, Strangulation and suffocation, Unlawful wounding/inflicting grievous bodily harm, Wounding/causing grievous bodily harm with intent, Attempted murder, domestic violence.*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in question 2 would involve a manual search of all crime

reports recorded under Home Office Offence Code 088/05, to ascertain whether the offence took place at a residential property.

A search of our records show that there are 128 records that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 11 hours to ascertain the data required.

Additionally, to provide the information requested in question 3 would require a further manual review of each of the 128 crime reports mentioned above to ascertain whether there are any linked events. This is a longer process than checking the address of an offence, so at a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 21 hours to ascertain the data required, on top of the 11 hours required for question two, for a total of 31 hours.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill (see below information), I have supplied the information requested in question 1, that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Financial Year	Count of Crimes
2022/23	76
2023/24	34
2024/25	18

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk