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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015022/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm writing to apologise for an oversight in my recent Freedom of Information request sent to your office. The original message incorrectly referenced "Kent Police" by name, which was included in error when sending the same request to multiple police forces.

To clarify: the request still applies to your specific police force and area, and I am seeking the same information relating to homophobic hate crimes and non-crime hate incidents recorded in your jurisdiction from July 2021 to the most recent full calendar year available.

Please disregard the mention of Kent Police, and treat the remainder of the request as intended for your organisation.

***** REQUEST *****

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information from Kent Police, covering the period from July 2021 to the most recent full calendar year available:

- 1. The number of recorded homophobic hate crimes (i.e. motivated by sexual orientation) in the Kent Police area, broken down by:
 - a. Year*
 - b. Type of offence (e.g. harassment, assault, criminal damage)**
- 2. The investigative outcomes for these offences for each year (e.g. charge, caution, no further action).*
- 3. The number of non-crime hate incidents (NCHIs) recorded in the same period where the motivation was related to sexual orientation.*

4. *Any anonymised internal reports, summaries, or strategic documents produced since July 2021 that relate to homophobic hate crime trends or community safety.*
5. *A copy of the current Kent Police operational hate crime policy, including how homophobic hate crimes and NCHIs are recorded and investigated.*

If any part of this request is estimated to exceed the cost/time limit under Section 12, please let me know and I will happily refine it. I am requesting all information in electronic format, preferably as PDF, CSV, or Excel.

Result of Searches

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Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police. However, I am not obliged to supply all the information you have requested as exemptions apply.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, 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.

The information requested in questions 1A, 3 and 5 is exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means** GMP publish our hate crime statistics on our website. [The information you have requested can be found here.](#) Our Hate Crime Policy and Procedure has previously been provided in response to an FOI request. [Our response is available here.](#)

In accordance with the S17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for that information.

The remainder of your request is not exempt and is answered below. The information is subject to the following **CAVEATS**:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01/07/2021 and 31/012/2024 where either the hate crime flag or hate crime qualifier is 'Y', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

We are aware of an issue affecting some crimes with some crime flags. This issue caused flags to be lost i.e. change from Yes to blank incorrectly during the migration process. The following flags are affected:

- Hate crime flag

Hate crimes may have more than one motivation e.g. race and religion. This means that the numbers for each motivation will add up to more than the total number of hate crimes.

Analysis has suggested that GMP recorded hate crimes may be higher than the numbers reported. This appears to be owing to inconsistency in the use of hate crime flags and qualifiers on the recording system. As such we would advise caution in interpreting the level of hate crime reported. We are reassured that all crimes are being recorded, but some may not be flagged as hate which may affect counts and any analysis conducted on this data.

Due to low numbers being returned for some crimes and outcomes, some of the totals have been replaced with X, as by providing exact figures 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 this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

1.

a. Exempt under S21, see above.

b.

Crime Latest Classification : Crime Tree Level Four	2021	2022	2023	2024
All other theft offences	62	110	84	55
Bicycle theft	X	6	X	0
Business and community burglary	0	8	X	5
Criminal damage and arson offences	418	552	409	428
Homicide	0	0	X	0
Miscellaneous crimes against society	65	125	76	80
Other sexual offences	15	32	24	37
Possession of drugs	0	X	X	0
Possession of weapon offences	29	52	34	40
Public order offences	3473	5799	5324	5127
Rape	X	X	8	X
Residential burglary	16	39	23	18
Robbery of business property	X	5	X	12
Robbery of personal property	52	64	41	46
Shoplifting	7	24	28	21
Stalking and harassment	1418	2680	2509	1958
Theft from the person	25	40	31	20
Vehicle offences	15	27	28	8
Violence with injury	382	647	528	467
Violence without injury	979	1579	1479	1525

2.

Crime Latest Outcome : HO Outcome Description	2021	2022	2023	2024
Caution - Adults	24	38	41	76
Caution - Adults Alternative Offence	0	X	6	9
Caution - Youths	X	13	11	13
Caution - Youths Alternative Offence	X	X	0	0
Charged/Summoned	341	683	711	637
Charged/Summoned Alternative Offence	68	122	129	111
Community Resolution	149	179	139	190
Diversionary, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest.	23	48	62	49
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – Named suspect not identified: The crime is confirmed but the victim either declines/ or is unable to support further police investigation to identify the offender.	1159	2043	1359	1018
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	X	7	20	18
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Crime investigated as far as reasonably possible –Case closed pending further investigative opportunities becoming available	2234	3442	3658	3160
Missing Value	85	109	85	278
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action.	1720	2914	2350	2297
Named Suspect identified: victim supports police action but evidential difficulties prevent further action.	996	1984	1870	1802
Named Suspect Identified; Prosecution not in the public interest	77	97	57	44
Penalty Notices for Disorder	X	0	0	0
Prosecution not in the public interest (CPS) (all offences)	6	6	15	7
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is below the age of criminal responsibility	17	20	32	28
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but is too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	14	18	28	35
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence	X	X	X	0
Prosecution time limit expired: Suspect identified but prosecution time limit has expired.	42	54	59	69
Taken Into Consideration	0	X	0	0
The offender has died (all offences)	x	9	X	9

3. Exempt under S21, see above.
4. This information is not held by GMP.
5. Exempt under S21, see above.