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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015040/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. Please provide the total number of recorded strangulation offences [Domestic Abuse Act (2021, section 70) and the Serious Crime Act (2015, section 75A)] from 7th June 2024-6th June 2025 (inclusive), with the below details (as many as are recorded on your systems) for each case:

- a. Victim sex and gender*
- b. Victim age*
- c. Victim ethnicity*
- d. Victim disability*
- e. Suspect sex and gender*
- f. Suspect age*
- g. Suspect ethnicity*
- h. Suspect disability*
- i. Relationship between victim and suspect*
- j. Context of the strangulation offence*
- k. Any additional offences at the time of the strangulation offence*
- l. Whether these cases are domestic abuse-flagged*
- m. Whether these cases are part of a rape or serious sexual offence investigation*
- n. Police assigned outcome and additional rationale where available*

2. Please also provide as many of the above details (a-n) as possible for any additional cases involving non-fatal strangulation, where this has been flagged/ featured within an alternative offence, but not recorded specifically as an offence of strangulation.

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 questions 1 D, H, I, J, K and M would involve a manual search of all crimes recorded under Home Office Code 008/77 Non-Fatal Strangulation and Suffocation to establish if the criteria specified in your request apply.

A search of our crime records shows that there are 2,941 crimes 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 14,705 hours to ascertain the data required.

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.

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