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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015884/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Migration, Integration, Transnationalization at the Berlin Social Science Center.

We are conducting research analyzing trends in hate crimes in relation to national football team matches in the UK. For this purpose, we require detailed hate crime data.

Please provide a dataset containing:

- *All recorded hate crimes within your force area from 2002 on up to 2025. If data for the requested timeframe is not available, please provide data for the longest possible continuous period within that range.*
- *The exact date (day) on which each hate crime event occurred - it is our understanding that the publicly available dataset on [Data downloads | data.police.uk](https://data.police.uk/data/downloads) omits this for anonymization purposes, providing only month and year. We request the exact day to allow temporal analyses.*
- *Crime type/category.*
- *Location data aggregated at a level consistent with privacy regulations (e.g., by police district or ward).*

We guarantee that all data will be handled securely in accordance with data protection and ethical research standards and will be used solely for academic research purposes. Please provide the data in a machine-readable format, such as CSV or Excel.

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, I am not obliged to supply you with all the information as an exemption applies.

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. The exact date of the hate crimes is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Section 40(2) represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data. To provide the exact date along with the location of the crime could indirectly identify those involved. We have provided the month and year of the crimes as an alternative.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test for such data.

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 hate crimes with a created date between '01 January 2002' and '19 November 2025', 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

Analysis has suggested that actual hate crimes may be higher than the numbers flagged. 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.

We are aware of various issues affecting committed at locations for some crimes. These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.

- Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.

- Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.

We are aware of an issue that allows more than one committed at address to be added to a crime, which is incorrect as stated in the Home Office Counting Rules.

Please see the attached spreadsheet.