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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014052/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

We recently requested some data from you and it was either refused to us or not held. We requested this data from all 45 police forces in the UK. Some of them did send us data in the form of a table that has proven to be very useful.

Please would you be willing to complete the attached table of outcomes with reference to the following:

- 1. From 1/1/23 - 31/8/24***
- 2. Any sexual offences reported involving children under the age of 16 (including the making, distributing and viewing of online content)***
- 3. The table requires the No of crimes per outcome and the average number of days the crime was live***

I think this might be a simpler and faster way to obtain the data we need

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.

Caveats

- 1. The period considered is 01/01/2023 - 31/08/2024.**
- 2. The date relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the crime was committed.**
- 3. Where possible duplicates have been removed.**

4. In terms of outcomes a large number of these cases are currently on-going/ awaiting court so there will be a number of Suspects showing as 'Decision Pending'. These are captured in 'Ongoing'.
5. The search was done on All Rape & Other Sexual Offences crimes with a Child Protection Flag/Marker.

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.

Outcome	No of Crimes	Av No of days crime was live	Av No of days crime was live (Median)
1: Charged/Summoned	587	200	151
3: Adult caution	11	228	191
5: Offender has died	78	152	105
8: Community resolution	31	139	102
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	33	96	56
11: Named suspect below age of criminal responsibility	270	69	38
12: Named suspect too ill to prosecute	21	147	146
13: Named suspect but victim/key witness deceased or too ill	25	127	99
14: Victim declines/unable to support action to identify offender	1,112	102	59
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	122	341	299
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	1,785	160	123
16: Victim declines/withdraws support - named suspect identified	2,020	119	82
18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	1,793	92	56
20: Other body/agency has investigation primacy	0	-	-
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest	99	85	51
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, not in public interest to take further action	150	132	104
Ongoing	1,114	387	-
Total	9,251		