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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014182/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *I would like to know how many reports were made of sexual violence (includes rape, sexual assault, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, indecent exposure and sexual exploitation) in schools.*
2. *For this data I would like a breakdown of how many cases were reported where the perpetrator was logged as a minor.*

For each of these requests I would like a breakdown of the figures by the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

If the number of years requested is too large, please just complete for the years 2019-2024

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 would involve a manual search of all rape and other sexual offence crime reports to see which occurred in schools.

A search of our records shows that there are 12,060 such crimes that would require a manual review in 2024 alone. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 2,010 hours to ascertain the data required, and that would not include the other years in your request.

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