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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014222/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/02/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Recorded crime figures for Taxi and Private Hire journey-related sexual offences.

1. Could you please provide me with data on offences of sexual assault and rape when a suspect was recorded as being a Licensed Private Hire driver, a Licensed Taxi Driver, or where the suspect was described or believed to be an unlicensed taxi driver and where the recorded offence was committed in the vehicle or was related to the journey being made.

Could you break this data down into the following two categories:

Sexual Assault and rape

And for the following years - broken down by offence and for each year in the following format:

2019/2020

Licensed Private Hire:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Licensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Unlicensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

2020/2021

Licensed Private Hire:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Licensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Unlicensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

2021/2022

Licensed Private Hire:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Licensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Unlicensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

2022/2023

Licensed Private Hire:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Licensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Unlicensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

2023/2024

Licensed Private Hire:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Licensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Unlicensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

2. Can you provide me with data on the number of recorded convictions for rape and sexual assault when a suspect was recorded as being a Licensed Private Hire driver, a Licensed Taxi Driver, or where the suspect was described or believed to be an unlicensed taxi driver and

where the recorded offence was committed in the vehicle or was related to the journey being made.

Could you break this data down into the following two categories:

Sexual Assault and rape

And for the following years - broken down by offence and for each year in the following format:

2019/2020

Licensed Private Hire:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Licensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Unlicensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

2020/2021

Licensed Private Hire:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Licensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Unlicensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

2021/2022

Licensed Private Hire:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Licensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Unlicensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

2022/2023

Licensed Private Hire:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Licensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Unlicensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

2023/2024

Licensed Private Hire:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Licensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

Unlicensed Taxi Driver:

Sexual Assault:

Rape:

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.

Greater Manchester Police (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 offences to see if they are relevant to your request.

A search of our crime records shows that for your requested timeframe, there were 53,820 rape and other sexual offences 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 8,970 hours to ascertain the data required.

In an attempt to reduce the number of crime records that would require a manual review, a keyword search for "taxi" was conducted. This resulted in 552 records, which would still take approximately 92 hours.

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