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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014082/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/01/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The information requested is:

- 1. Do you routinely support victims of trafficking and modern slavery to submit a reconsideration request to the Competent Authorities within the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) following a negative Reasonable Ground or Conclusive Ground decision?***
- 2. If the answer to question 1 is negative, could you please provide a reason.***
- 3. If you are not able to support the individual with submitting a reconsideration request, do you routinely signpost them to other organisations?***
- 4. Can you provide the number of reconsiderations requests you have submitted for the year 2023 and 2024? Could you please provide this data breakdown by year?***

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

Section 84 of FOIA relates to recorded information held by a public authority and that it does not extend to providing explanations unless the answers are already held in a recorded form.

"Information is defined in section 84 of the Act as 'information recorded in any form'. The Act therefore only extends to requests for recorded information. It does not require public authorities to answer questions generally; only if they already hold the answers in recorded form. The Act does not extend to requests for information about policies or their implementation, or the merits or demerits of any proposal or action - unless, of course, the answer to any such request is already held in recorded form.

As such, within the spirit of the Act, only question 4 qualifies as a request for information held.

Question 4.

The SCA provides data to GMP on reconsideration requests submitted. For NRMs submitted in 2023 there were 15 reconsideration requests that were noted. For NRM submitted in 2024 there were 21 reconsideration requests.