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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014120/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding statistics on child sexual exploitation (CSE) within your police jurisdiction in the borough of Tameside.

I would appreciate it if you could provide the following data:

1. *The number of recorded child sexual exploitation (CSE) cases from 2013 to 2023.*
2. *A breakdown of cases by year.*
3. *The number of arrests and/or convictions related to CSE within the same time frame.*
4. *A breakdown by age group and/or gender of victims and perpetrators.*
5. *Any available data on the geographical distribution of cases for example by town in Tameside.*

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 in question 5 would involve a manual search of all crime reports to ascertain the geographical information required.

A search of our records show that since July 2019 there would be 571 crime reports that would need to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 10 minutes to locate, retrieve

and review each file it would take approximately 95 hours to ascertain the data required, and that would not include the other years of 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