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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014187/O

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

I am writing to you under the FOI Act 2000 to inquire about the following information: Number of cases of voyeurism (088/10) offences and outcomes, with the following location types over the last 5 years:

PB Indoor sport area (exp. Swimming baths) PC Swimming Baths PE Leisure/Exhibition Centre

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.

However, I am not obliged to supply this information held as an exemption applies. The total number of decision pending cases is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 30(1) – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption; there is a requirement to carry out a public interest test.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Disclosure

To disclose details of the number of pending decisions to be made, into the public domain, would show GMP's accountability, and satisfy the public, that investigations into such incidents are being conducted correctly. It would also show GMP's use of public funds in apprehending suspects of crimes.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release the data that is related to investigations that remain open may seriously undermine GMP's ability to complete those investigations to a full and correct conclusion.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain, therefore arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be the fact that disclosure would encourage transparency. This needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure, which in this case is the impact on GMP's ability to complete investigations to a full and correct conclusion.

Therefore, having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.

Please see the remaining information below.

Caveats.

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.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 01 January 2020 and 31 January 2025 where the crime description or crime MO description contains '**swimming baths**', '**leisure centre**', or '**changing room**', excluding cancelled crimes. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules.

Please note:

- The keyword methodology does not account for spelling errors.
- A manual review was completed to ensure "changing rooms" related to an "PB Indoor sport area (exp. Swimming baths) PC Swimming Baths PE Leisure/Exhibition Centre"

Number of cases of voyeurism (088/10) offences & Outcomes

Outcome	Total
Refer To Pnc (15D)	1
Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)	1
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	7
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)	3
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Other (15C)	1
Decision Pending (98)	X
Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)	2
A Community Resolution (with or without formal restorative justice) (Informal Police Action) (8C)	1