

Date: 04/03/2025

Our ref: 01/FOI/25/014339/M

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014339/M

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

With respect to NON HATE CRIME INCIDENTS

Please could we obtain the following information:

Between the dates 1/1/23 - 31/8/24

- 1. How many reports have been received between for non crime hate incidents?***
- 2. How many suspects were contacted to follow up?***
- 3. Were they contacted formally or informally***
- 4. How many interviewed?***
- 5. How many formally logged as non crime incidents?***

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, GMP does not hold all the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to complete this request in full, it would require a manual review for all the None Hate Crime Incidents logged between 01/01/23 – 31/08/24 to provide the data for questions 2-5. This information does not have a searchable field to allow for easy extraction and so this would be the only way to

obtain this part of the request. Searches have revealed 764 incidents and at a rate of approximately 10 mins per each review, this request would take around 127hrs to complete.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is 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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a much shorter time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Please see below.

Question 1 is exempt under **section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The response to this request is available online. Please follow the links below.

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/police-forces/greater-manchester-police/areas/greater-manchester-force-content/sd/stats-and-data/hate-crime/>