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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/014918/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

ORIGINAL REQUEST

To build our national understanding of how many suicide incidents emergency services across England are attending, we are submitting FOI requests to ambulance trusts and police forces across the country.

1. How many mental health incidents did your service respond to in these years? Please also indicate what percentage of total incidents were mental health incidents if possible:

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2023
- e) 2024

2. How many suicide attempts and self-inflicted incidents did your service respond to in these years? Please also indicate what percentage of total incidents were suicide attempts and self-inflicted incidents if possible:

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2023
- e) 2024

3. Please briefly outline any training your staff receive on the below areas, including what the training covers and the named training provider if externally delivered:

- a) Suicide prevention

b) Suicide postvention

4. If there is suicide prevention training in place, is it currently mandatory for all staff? If the training is not mandatory, please indicate which staff it is offered to.

5. If there is suicide prevention training in place, please indicate how many staff members received training in 2024 in:

a) Number of total staff who received training

b) Percentage of total staff who received training.

REFINED REQUEST

In line with your suggestion to reduce the timeframe of the request of Q2 - would it be possible to request the data for suicide incidents monthly since the introduction of RCRP (09/2024)?

Please let me know if, with this amendment, it would be possible to fulfil the entire request. Do let me know if you have suggestions on how to amend the request further

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.

Question 1

GMP use closure qualifiers to enable categorisation of incidents after resolution to offer insight into the nature of the incident. I have conducted a search on the relevant qualifiers in an attempt to capture the count of incidents that are mental health related.

The below qualifiers are available for the full requested period (2020 to 2024):

- G17 – Mental Health
- G36 – Mental Health (Hospital Related)

However, the following codes have been introduced as part of the RCRP implementation as such there is only data available since GMP RCRP go live on 30/09/2024.

- L50 – RCRP Mental Health police attended
- L51 – RCRP Mental Health police don't attend
- L58 – Suicide & Self Harm
- L61 – Mental Health transportation
- L63 – Voluntary Mental Health
- L64 – Use of 136 MHA powers

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 incidents with a created date between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2024, excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training.

Year	Mental Health Incidents (Closure Qualifiers (and/or): G17, G36, L50, L51, L58, L61, L63, L64	% of Recorded Incident Count
2020	13,571	1.7%
2021	16,289	2.0%
2022	16,349	1.9%
2023	14,447	1.4%
2024	17,610	1.7%

Question 2 (Refined)

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 incidents with a created date between 01/09/2024 and 31/05/2025, excluding incidents with a closing code of L10 Duplicate, L19 Error or L22 Test or training.
- We have counted incidents as attended where the earliest arrival timestamp field is not blank.
- Counts and proportions of incidents with no recorded arrival are presented as a data quality measure. The fact that arrival was not recorded does not necessarily mean that an incident was not attended. Equally, it is not possible to assume that all incidents with no recorded arrival were attended.

Please find below the number of incidents with L58 – Suicide & Self-Harm qualifier and the proportion of those that have been attended:

Month	L58 - Suicide & Self-Harm Incidents	Proportion Attended	%
Sep-24	6	1	16.7%
Oct-24	40	9	22.5%
Nov-24	64	21	32.8%
Dec-24	30	11	36.7%
Jan-25	30	13	43.3%
Feb-25	40	23	57.5%
Mar-25	54	33	61.1%
Apr-25	58	41	70.7%
May-25	46	33	71.7%

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There is no formal suicide prevention training for GMP officers.