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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014966/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am conducting a comprehensive analysis of sexual offences. To facilitate this, I kindly request detailed police-recorded data on all sexual offences for the most recent 12-month period, if available, for the most recent full reporting year, and the last 10 years.

1. *Offence categories – e.g., rape, sexual assault (by penetration), sexual assault (non-penetrative), grooming, online sexual crimes, etc.*
2. *Geographic breakdown – by policing divisions or lower (e.g., county, borough, LPA).*
3. *Victim and perpetrator demographics:*
 - *Age group (e.g., 0–10, 11–17, 18–29, 30–39, 40–49, 50–59, 60+).*
 - *Gender.*
 - *Race and self-defined ethnicity (including subcategories, e.g., British-Pakistani, White-British, etc.).*
 - *Nationality (specify if naturalised; where available, indicate country of birth).*
4. *Relationship between perpetrator and victim (e.g., family member, acquaintance, stranger, partner, authority figure).*
5. *Location of incident (e.g., home, public space, school, online).*
6. *Offender criminal history (e.g., first-time offender or previous convictions).*
7. *Optional: Outcome of the case (e.g., charge, conviction, no further action).*

I understand that some categories may not be recorded or complete breakdowns may not be available. If this is the case, please specify what is available and advise on recommended routes for missing data (e.g., MoJ, NCA, CPS).

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 some of the information you have requested is held by GMP.

GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in questions 4, 5 and 6 would involve a manual search of all rape and other sexual offence crimes to establish the relationship between the victim and suspect, the precise location and whether the suspect had an offending history.

A search of our crime records shows that there are 69,141 crimes that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 20 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 5,762 hours to ascertain the data required.

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.