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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015155/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information act to request data held on crimes investigated by your force which were flagged as Domestic Abuse (DA) related, their recorded outcome, and if a named suspect's occupation is 'police officer' or related role*, from 1 January 2021 to 30 April 2025.

Specifically, I request the following information, broken down by month and outcome. Please break down outcomes by HOCR type i.e. Type 1 Charged/Summonsed, Type 2 Youth Caution, etc.

If for whatever reason your systems do not allow the retrieval of this data for the whole period, or doing so would exceed cost limitations, please limit your response to a reasonable time frame by starting with a more recent month.

If summarising totals by month is considered too detailed due to small numbers, please break down by year or just the overall total before considering suppressing figures.

Please send the response in an Excel spreadsheet.

N.b. this request refers to crime investigations, not professional standards/misconduct.

**** My understanding is that occupation recording is not standardised, therefore I request that you include job titles like 'police officer' / 'serving officer' / 'special constable' / specific job titles if listed i.e. 'police constable' or 'police sergeant' – but do not include civilian titles like 'police staff' or PCSO. I also understand that occupation may not always be recorded (see Q3).***

Q1) All recorded crime investigations flagged as DA, total broken down by month and outcome type, 2021 to end of April 2025. Grouped by date investigation was opened.

Month	Outcome type 1	Outcome Type 2	...etc	Ongoing/live	Total

Q2) Similarly, but for only those investigations where a named suspect has a recorded occupation of police officer* (see definition above), all recorded crime investigations flagged as DA, total broken down by month and outcome type, 2021 to end of April 2025. Grouped by date investigation was opened.

Month	Outcome type 1	Outcome Type 2	...etc	Ongoing/live	Total

Q3) If possible and not exceeding cost limitations please also indicate, of the total number of investigations in Q1, ...

- **The number which have at least one named suspect.**
- **The proportion of linked suspects who have any occupation recorded.**

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 some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the records to determine the occupation of the suspect. While we do have a field for this on our systems, is not mandatory and therefore may be blank, however the suspects occupation may be mentioned within the log. In response to question 1, there are over 23,000 results and so to review them all would far exceed the limitations set by the FOIA.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 the removal of question 2 regarding occupation.

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.