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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015113/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information about unnatural sexual offences recorded by police forces under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Please could you provide the number of recorded offences under Section 70 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 ("sexual penetration of a corpse") between 2020 and 2025 (if available), broken down by year.

If possible within the cost limit, I would also be grateful for:

- a. The outcome or disposal of each offence (e.g. charge, no further action)***
- b. Whether the victim was identified (e.g. case involving a named deceased individual vs. unknown).***

If it assists your search, this offence may also be referred to using terms such as necrophilia or sexual interference with a corpse. If any other offence codes or descriptions are used locally for cases involving this conduct, I would appreciate those figures being included as well.

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.

For the period 1st January 2020 to 16th July 2025 there have been no recorded crimes with the Home Office code of 088/11 – Sexual penetration of a corpse.