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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014615/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. The number of reported crimes that occurred on school premises or involved school-aged pupils in your force area, broken down by year from 2021 to 2024.*
- 2. A breakdown of these reported crimes by offence type (e.g. assault, weapons, drugs).*
- 3. If available, a breakdown of these reported crimes by school type (primary/secondary) or location/school name.*

I also note your clarification, received by GMP on 16/05/2025:

If you would be able to categorise each by MO tag that would be great – but how often is the field left blank? If the number would be greatly lower, I would say to search for the location if it took place on a school.

For school-aged pupils I would say to use 16 and under unless it is a sixth form college or a secondary school with a sixth form attached – in that case 18 and under.

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 the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in question 3 would involve a manual search of all crimes recorded where the MO keyword "education establishment" is selected, where the victim or suspect is aged 18 or younger.

A preliminary search of our crime records shows that there are over 10,000 crimes that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 833 hours to ascertain the data required. Using the MO keyword "school" shows that there are over 500 crimes to review. Based on the same 5 minutes per record this would take approximately 42 hours.

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