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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014507/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *For the previous 10 calendar years, please provide the total number of recorded crimes which have been flagged as domestic-abuse related incidents (ie. have met the cross-government definition of domestic violence and abuse) reported by young people, broken down by the following age groups:*

- 1) *Under 18*
- 2) *18-24*
- 3) *25-30*

NB: the cross-government definition of Domestic violence and abuse: "any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to: psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional."

Please provide this data for each year:

- a) *2015*
- b) *2016*
- c) *2017*
- d) *2018*
- e) *2019*
- f) *2020*
- g) *2021*
- h) *2022*
- i) *2023*

- j) 2024
- k) 2025 – latest available data

2. *Of the reports cited in answer to Q1, please provide the number of cases that resulted in:*

- 1) *An arrest*
- 2) *A charge*
- 3) *A prosecution*
- 4) *A conviction*

Please provide this data for each year:

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) 2018
- e) 2019
- f) 2020
- g) 2021
- h) 2022
- i) 2023
- j) 2024
- k) 2025 – latest available data

3. *For the previous 10 calendar years, please provide the total number of coercive or controlling behaviour offences reported by young people, also broken down by the following age groups. Please search for this data using the terms 'coercive control' and crimes alleged under Home Office code 008/67.*

- 1) *Under 18*
- 2) *18-24*
- 3) *25-30*

Please provide this data for each year:

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) 2018
- e) 2019
- f) 2020
- g) 2021
- h) 2022
- i) 2023
- j) 2024
- k) 2025 – latest available data

4. *Of the coercive and controlling behaviour reports cited in answer to Q3, please provide the number of cases that resulted in:*

- 1) *An arrest*
- 2) *A charge*

- 3) A prosecution
- 4) A conviction

Please provide this data for each year:

- a) 2015
- b) 2016
- c) 2017
- d) 2018
- e) 2019
- f) 2020
- g) 2021
- h) 2022
- i) 2023
- j) 2024
- k) 2025 – latest available data

- 5. *If available, please provide a breakdown of the most common reasons why domestic abuse and coercive control cases did not proceed to charge (e.g., lack of evidence, victim withdrawal).*
- 6. *Finally can you please attach MO codes for the calendar year 2024 for domestic abuse-related offences involving alleged victims under 30? I accept redactions may need to be made to remove personal information.*

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, I am not obliged to supply you with all the information as an exemption applies.

The information requested exempt under **Section 14(1) - Vexatious Requests.**

The Freedom of Information Act is a piece of legislation designed to give the public access to information held by public authorities. It exists to make the decisions of those authorities transparent and to keep the public better informed regarding matters which affect them.

A public authority can refuse requests which can divert resources away from more deserving requests and other public business or threaten to undermine the credibility of the freedom of information system. It is recognised that dealing with unreasonable requests can place a strain on resources and get in the way of delivering mainstream services.

When identifying potentially vexatious requests the indicators contained within the Information Commissioner's guidance on Section 14(1) should be considered. In this case we feel the following indicator applies to your request: **Burden on the Authority.** [How do we consider burden, motive and harassment? | ICO](#)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14(1) of FOIA a request deemed as overly burdensome does not oblige GMP to comply with a request for information. The ICO confirms within their guidance that they consider there to be a high threshold for refusing a request on such grounds if there is a viable case in line with the below recommendations:

- 1) The requester has asked for a substantial volume of information and
- 2) The authority has real concerns about potentially exempt information, which it will be able to substantiate if asked to do so by the ICO and
- 3) Any potentially exempt information cannot easily be isolated because it is scattered throughout the requested material.

As such, your request is being refused due to the amount of time required to review and prepare the information for disclosure, which would impose a grossly oppressive burden on GMP. To provide the data requested in question 6 of your request would involve manual review and redactions to the modus operandi of each crime within the scope of your request so they do not contain operationally sensitive and personal information which could identify directly or indirectly a living human therefore Section 31(1)(a)(b) Law Enforcement and Section 40(2) Personal Information will be engaged as this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

As can be seen from the information provided below in response to question 1 of your request, there are over 15,000 crime MOs that would have to be manually reviewed and redacted. The time taken to review and redact these documents would cause a grossly oppressive burden on GMP.

The information requested in your other question is not exempt and is provided below. Please note that regarding questions 2 and 4, prosecution and conviction data is not held by GMP. Please contact His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service for this information.

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.

The Recorded DA and CCB Offences is the volume of recorded crimes for the period 01/01/2022-31/12/2024. Broken down by year Jan 1st to Dec 31st

DA offences were searched using victim report and selecting DA filter

CCB Offences were searched using H/O Code 008/67 in same victim report as DA data

Outcomes were filtered from same Victim DA and CCB reports

Figures from 2015 to July 2019 are pre-IT change so cannot be guaranteed as accurate, and are all that is showing on our systems

Where possible duplicates have been removed.

Due to low numbers being returned for some crimes, some of the totals have been replaced with X, as by providing exact figures as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2)

– Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Questions 1 & 2:

Domestic Abuse	Crime Volume			Charges			Crimes linked to at least one arrest
Crime Created on Date : Calendar Year Number	Under 18	18-24	25-30	Under 18	18-24	25-30	
2015	763	3839	3684	177	1373	1320	3282
2016	897	4047	4117	140	980	1082	2657
2017	2330	6886	7468	174	853	977	2355
2018	2869	7824	8783	126	587	764	1382
2019	1761	6949	7709	70	431	615	866
2020	1202	7300	8178	58	426	632	2576
2021	1696	9797	10939	73	508	639	4327
2022	1754	10094	10840	81	696	806	7105
2023	1503	8820	9636	72	628	825	6835
2024	1512	7561	8284	43	425	577	5439
2025	471	1832	1885	20	94	124	1332

Questions 3 & 4:

CCB	Crime volume			Arrests			Crimes linked to at least one arrest
Crime Created on Date : Calendar Year Number	Under 18	18-24	25-30	Under 18	18-24	25-30	
2015	0	0	X	0	0	X	0
2016	16	46	30	X	9	30	27
2017	53	152	147	X	16	147	87
2018	71	226	196	6	12	196	45
2019	109	266	240	5	17	240	49
2020	92	327	300	12	17	300	133
2021	161	544	499	11	37	499	318
2022	171	583	588	12	39	588	499
2023	144	568	651	14	65	651	545
2024	106	533	609	6	58	609	450
2025	35	142	152	X	12	152	124

Question 5:

DA	Victim Refuses/ Does not Support	Not in Public Interest	No Suspect Identified	Named Suspect/Victim to ill/ dead	Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence	Other
2015	2925	263	249	54	6728	47
2016	5213	669	338	39	6706	96
2017	19593	1812	884	48	8501	245
2018	29523	803	1110	45	7666	277
2019	26759	541	936	36	5829	690
2020	28039	585	1104	45	6220	536
2021	36441	411	1684	42	12750	1085
2022	33294	268	2422	64	17592	1017
2023	27522	168	2621	44	18376	999
2024	28722	134	1458	33	14202	2311
2025-to April 23rd	7219	41	282	7	2801	3449

CCB	Victim Refuses/ Does not Support	Not in Public Interest	No Suspect Identified	Named Suspect/Victim to ill/ dead	Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence	Other
2015	X	0	0	0	0	0
2016	46	5	X	0	56	0
2017	289	16	9	X	207	X
2018	477	5	12	0	256	0
2019	579	12	18	X	296	14
2020	727	15	13	X	396	5
2021	1380	14	41	X	831	24
2022	1445	8	81	6	1105	40
2023	1490	6	107	0	1309	70
2024	1667	X	55	X	1058	248
2025-to April 23rd	450	0	17	X	223	361

Question 6 is exempt under S14, see above.