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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014556/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/05/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

This is a request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (also known as Clare's Law).

Please provide the following data from 2014 up until the most current date available, broken down by calendar year.

If data as early as 2014 is not available, please provide it from the first available date onwards.

In the event that you decide answering me in full would exceed the cost limit, please answer what you can, prioritising my requests in the order I have asked them. Please provide annual totals of:

1. *All applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme*
2. *"Right to know" applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme*
3. *The number of disclosures made after a "right to know" application*
4. *"Right to ask" applications under the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme*
5. *The number of disclosures made after a right to ask application*
6. *The number of disclosures made within 28 days of a "Right to ask" application*
7. *The number of disclosures made after 28 days of a "Right to ask" application*
8. *The longest time it took for a "right to ask" disclosure to be provided*

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.

The number of DVDS requests have only been recorded centrally from 2023. To provide the data in relation to if a DVDS request had been applied for and the outcome of the application would require a manual review of all domestic violence recorded crimes from 2014 to 2022.

In 2022 alone there was 62,276 domestic abuse crimes recorded. To manually review all these records would exceed 5,000 hours. 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. However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit. Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk

Further Information

Please follow [this link](#) for some information relevant to your request that was provided to a previous FOI request.