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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014493/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/03/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I request the following information relating to offences under Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 (coercive or controlling behaviour in an intimate or family relationship).

Specifically, I request the following data for each calendar year from 2016 to the present (2025):

- 1. Number of reported incidents.***
- 2. Number of Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPNs) issued***
- 3. Number of Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs) issued***
- 4. Number of investigations conducted.***
- 5. Number of charges brought.***
- 6. Number of cases referred for prosecution.***
- 7. Number of prosecutions.***
- 8. Number of convictions.***
- 9. Average time taken from report to charge.***
- 10. Provide aggregated data on the primary reasons why reports of coercive control made to your force did not result in prosecution, broken down by year. For example, the number of cases where there was deemed insufficient evidence or where the victim withdrew a statement.***
- 11. Breakdown of victim demographics (age, gender, ethnicity).***
- 12. Breakdown of perpetrator demographics (age, gender, ethnicity).***
- 13. The number of staff that have received specialist training on coercive control.***
- 14. The number of police officers that are specialist domestic abuse investigators.***
- 15. Please provide any internal guidance or training materials relating to the evidential requirements for proving coercive control.***
- 16. Provide any internal reviews or impact assessments conducted on the effectiveness of policing Section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 since its implementation.***
- 17. Provide any data collected on the training provided to police forces regarding the handling of coercive control cases.***

18. Provide any internal reports or assessments on the effectiveness of police responses to coercive control.

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP would be unable to provide a response to question 13 without carrying out a manual review to understand the accurate number of staff who have completed specialist training on coercive control. Coercive and Control is covered in a number of different topics on the MOD A and MOD B courses. These are 2 of the mandatory courses delivered to all Trainee Detectives. However, we do not have a centrally held record of the number of those who have completed both parts of this. The review will be needed to gather the accurate figures for this question. Reviewing each one over the time frame requested would not be able to be achieved in under 18hrs.

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 13 or a reduced time frame. A reduction in the volume of required information may also assist.

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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

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.

1. The period considered is 01/01/2016 - 31/03/2025. Except for Qu 2 & Qu 3 where data is only available from July 2019. Data for 2019 is 01/07/2019 - 31/12/2019. Data for 2025 is 01/01/2025 - 31/03/2025.

2. The search for crimes (not incidents) has been based on the HO code 008/67 (Qu1). As this is based on crimes recorded and not incidents reported the answer to Qu4 will be the same. All crimes recorded will have been investigated.
3. The date relates to when the crime was recorded and not when the crime was committed.
4. Where possible duplicates have been removed.
5. Please note there can be multi victims/ multi offenders when considering the Victim/ Suspect data.

Question 1.

Year	No. CCB Crimes
2016	168
2017	669
2018	889
2019	1,012
2020	1,262
2021	2,596
2022	3,089
2023	3,631
2024	3,587
2025	937
Grand Total	17,840

Question 2.

Year	No. DVPNs Issued
2016	N/A
2017	N/A
2018	N/A
2019	233
2020	583
2021	630
2022	1,287
2023	1,088
2024	1,051
2025	165
Grand Total	5,037

Question 3.

Year	No. DVPOs Issued
2016	N/A
2017	N/A
2018	N/A
2019	223
2020	547
2021	560
2022	1,047
2023	853
2024	893
2025	129

Grand Total	4,252
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Question 4.

17,840 as per question 1. All of these crimes would involve some form of investigation.

Question 5.

Year	No. Charges
2016	47
2017	108
2018	82
2019	76
2020	96
2021	148
2022	228
2023	355
2024	297
2025	61
Grand Total	1,498

Questions 6/7/8.

GMP do not hold prosecution or conviction data as this is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.

Question 9.

No information held. – Please note that there is no obligation on an Authority under the FOIA to create information where none currently exists simply to answer an FOI request.
