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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014646/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please share the following information for each district in your force.

Q1. How many reports of rape and sexual offences were there with an identified suspect?

Q2. Of the reports of rape and sexual offences with an identified suspect, please share the outcome of each case. For example, no further action, referred to the CPS.

Q3. Of the reports of rape and sexual offences with an identified suspect (identified in Q1), how many identified suspects were interviewed? Please share the number of cases rather than the number of identified suspects interviewed.

Q4. Of the reports of rape and sexual offences with an identified suspect (identified in Q1), how many victims were interviewed? Please share the number of cases rather than the number of victims interviewed.

Timeframe Clarification – I'm so sorry for forgetting to put in a time frame - even after double checking!!

Please may I have information for over the past 5 years, from 1 January 2020.

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

GMP would not be able to fully respond to this request without carrying out a manual trawl looking at the individual records to establish if the victim/ suspects were interviewed for questions 3 and 4. This information is not stored in a retrievable way other than this method due to how it is recorded on our systems. This would be a total of 56,946 records meaning in excess of 9,000 hours to respond.

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 questions 3 and 4. However, 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.