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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015227/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am seeking information from your organisation about call outs to further education institutions.

Please provide the below information for the following period every financial year from 31 March 2015 to 31 March 2025.

1. *The number of police call outs/incidents attended at FE college premises by officers in your force. For each year, please give:*
 - a. *A quarterly breakdown of the number of call outs For each incident, please outline:*
 - I. *Crime type and category*
 - II. *Age and gender of individual or individuals involved*
 - III. *Name of institution where incident was recorded*
 - IV. *Whether an arrest was made*
 - V. *Outcomes. E.g. charges filed and state the charges, caution, no further action*

Please note that further education institutions refer to includes general FE colleges, sixth form colleges, independent training providers, specialist post-16 institutions and adult education providers.

I would be grateful if you could provide this information ideally as Excel spreadsheets or CSV files.

I expect to receive the response within 20 working days.

Regarding point II and III, I anticipate potential concerns about disclosure.

Age ranges and gender are anonymised demographic data that do not constitute personal information capable of identifying individuals, even if there are small numbers. Such breakdowns are routinely published in crime statistics by the ONS and the Home Office.

The information is essential for understanding patterns of incidents affecting different demographic groups and ensuring appropriate safeguarding measures. It also serves the public interest to identify potential vulnerabilities amongst college students.

For point III, colleges are public/publicly funded bodies with reduced expectations of privacy. The names constitute non-personal data that does not breach data protection legislation. There is precedent for disclosure of their names in similar contexts, such as regulatory reports like Ofsted.

Additionally, the public interest in transparency regarding police resource allocation and campus safety significantly outweighs any claimed reputational concerns.

Any claimed exemption under s.40 (personal information) or s.43 (commercial interests) would be disproportionate given the clear public interest in disclosure.

If the decision is made to withhold some of this information using exemptions in the Act, I would be grateful if you could please inform me of that fact, cite the exemptions used and explain why.

Please do not reject the entire request but answer in order until permitted resources have been expended. If so, please prioritise questions 1 (disregarding the quarterly breakdown) and I, III, V. If the timeframe is too long, please provide the last five years of data instead.

If any clarification is needed regarding this request, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

The age and gender of the suspect and the name of the educational institution has not been provided. When combined with the month and year of the incident, this would represent information that identifies living individuals. To disclose this information would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test for such data.

The rest of the information is not exempt and is subject to the following **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.

Management of Police Information regulations state that non-essential records should be removed from police systems six financial years after the year in which they were originally created. This means that data that is more than six financial years old may be incomplete and should not be compared to more recent data.

This data contains crimes with a created date between 31/03/2015 and 31/03/2025 where the keyword MO subcategory is 'College', 'Further Education', or 'Training Centre', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

MO keywords are only available for crimes that have been open after the 2019 IT upgrade.

There can be more than one MO keyword attached to a crime e.g. there are 2 rows for crime number 1016 as there are 2 MO keywords attached. For this reason, the number of rows in the spreadsheet is not the same as the number of crimes.

The MO keywords are not mandatory and may not be completed.

- There may be relevant records missing from our response where this field has not been completed.
- As these are optional fields, an increase or decrease in crime volume where these fields are part of the filtering may not indicate a true increase or decrease of the volume of these crimes but may reflect a change in usage of this field.

A crime outcome of 'Missing Value' means that the investigation is ongoing, and an outcome has not yet been applied.

Colleges may have policies that allow crimes to be resolved without being reported to the police. This means that this data may not reflect the total number of crimes that occurred in schools.

We are aware of an issue affecting suspect outcomes for some crimes with more than one suspect attached. This issue means that the outcome shown for some suspects attached to those crimes may be incorrect.

There may be more than one suspect attached to a crime e.g. there are 4 rows for crime number 1041 as there are 4 suspects attached. For this reason, the number of rows in the spreadsheet is not the same as the number of crimes. Suspects may be attached to more than one crime during this time period, which means that the data cannot be used to identify the number of unique suspects.

Suspects have been included even if no action has been taken against them e.g. eliminated, insufficient evidence, wanted.

We are aware of an issue that allows arrest records to be created without being linked to a crime record, where a crime has been created on the system for the same instance. This is incorrect and will affect reporting which relies on arrest and crime records being linked.

The quarterly summary is provided in the below table. For all other information please see the attached spreadsheet.

Quarter	Crime Count	Crimes linked to at least one custody record
Q1 - 2015	0	0
Q2 - 2015	0	0
Q3 - 2015	0	0
Q4 - 2015	0	0
Q1 - 2016	0	0
Q2 - 2016	0	0
Q3 - 2016	0	0
Q4 - 2016	0	0
Q1 - 2017	0	0
Q2 - 2017	0	0
Q3 - 2017	0	0
Q4 - 2017	0	0
Q1 - 2018	0	0
Q2 - 2018	0	0
Q3 - 2018	1	0
Q4 - 2018	0	0
Q1 - 2019	0	0
Q2 - 2019	12	0
Q3 - 2019	15	0
Q4 - 2019	14	0
Q1 - 2020	2	0
Q2 - 2020	4	0
Q3 - 2020	7	0

Q4 - 2020	7	0
Q1 - 2021	8	0
Q2 - 2021	17	3
Q3 - 2021	48	0
Q4 - 2021	61	0
Q1 - 2022	50	4
Q2 - 2022	48	0
Q3 - 2022	107	12
Q4 - 2022	110	6
Q1 - 2023	61	5
Q2 - 2023	71	5
Q3 - 2023	136	10
Q4 - 2023	105	13
Q1 - 2024	72	8
Q2 - 2024	46	4
Q3 - 2024	109	6
Q4 - 2024	109	10