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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015833/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Following your response to FOI/25/015771/C, I would like to refine my request to stay within the cost limit.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for the period 2020–2024.

The number of recorded sexual offences (including sexual harassment and assault) where the victim was recorded as a university student and the suspect was recorded as a member of university staff or an employee.

Please restrict this to incidents associated with either of the following institutions:

- University of Manchester*
- Manchester Metropolitan University*

Where recorded, please indicate the level of study of the victim (e.g. undergraduate, postgraduate, or doctoral). If such details are not recorded, please state this.

Please include, where held, the case outcomes (charged, caution, NFA, ongoing investigation).

Please provide the data in spreadsheet (Excel/CSV) format if available.

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.

To determine if an offence occurred on the premises of one of the universities you have mentioned, the occupation of the suspect, and whether the victim was a student, would require a manual review of all recorded sexual offences. From an initial search carried out there is over 6,700 crimes for one year (2025) alone. Therefore, to provide the data for four years would far exceed the 18-hour cost limit.

If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 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