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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015585/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am requesting daily-level data on Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents, crimes, and related police and court outcomes covering the years 2002 to 2025. The data currently available on data.police.uk is aggregated monthly, but for research purposes, daily data is necessary to analyze the temporal relationship between national football matches and subsequent hate crimes, particularly in relation to players of colour in UK national football teams.

The dataset should include:

***Date of each incident or crime,
Type/category of offence,
Outcome of police or court process where applicable,
Location data (if possible within privacy regulations).***

Please provide the data in a machine-readable format, such as CSV or Excel.

CLARIFICATION:

To clarify, we are requesting data specifically for hate crimes only, not all crimes. We understand that the data cannot be provided in the full daily breakdown requested due to Section 40 exemptions. We would appreciate receiving the information in the most detailed format possible within those constraints.

Our request relates to a version of the hate crime data similar to that published on <https://data.police.uk/data/>, but with the exact day of each event included where possible. We do not require information regarding victims' occupations or identification of football players.

FURTHER CLARIFICATION

To clarify, we are requesting data on all crimes where the hate crime flag is ticked, regardless of whether they are linked to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents or other crime types.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

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.

This data contains Hate Crimes with a created date between '01 January 2002' and '01 October 2025', 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.

We are aware of a system issue affecting **migrated crimes with some crime flags**. This issue caused flags to be lost i.e. change from Yes to blank incorrectly during the migration process. The 'Hate Crime' flag is affected by this.

Please note;

- This data may show an increase in disability hate crimes over recent years. Anecdotal evidence suggests that officers are incorrectly applying the flag to any crime where the victim has a disability, even if the crime was not motivated by their disability.
- Analysis has suggested that GMP recorded hate crimes may be higher than the numbers reported. This appears to be owing to inconsistency in the use of hate crime flags and qualifiers on the recording system. As such we would advise caution in interpreting the level of hate crime reported. We are reassured that all crimes are being recorded, but some may not be flagged as hate which may affect counts and any analysis conducted on this data.

We are aware of various system issues affecting **committed at locations for new and migrated crimes**. These issues mean that data for a specific location may include crimes that did not happen in that location and/or exclude crimes that did.

- Some crimes do not have a beat code, which means that they cannot be mapped to other geographies e.g. districts.
- Some crimes have an incorrect beat code, which means that they are mapped to the wrong geographies.
- Some crimes do not have an address because e.g. the address has been recorded in a non-standard format or as map coordinates.

There are 21 duplicate crime reference numbers within the dataset, this is due to the location fields, and a crime being attached to more than one location. Where there is a duplicate present, this has been reflected in dummy referencing.

Please note, the exact date of each crime and 2 Homicide records have been exempted from disclosure under Section 40(2) Personal Information – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.