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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015680/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'd like to request the following information from your police force under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For the date range 1st January 2022 to 30th September 2025 inclusive, please provide:

- 1. The total number of racially- or religiously-aggravated hate crimes reported to your force***
- 2. The total number of racially-motivated hate crimes reported to your force***
- 3. The number of racially-motivated hate crimes reported to your force broken down by ethnicity or perceived ethnicity of the alleged victim***
- 4. The total number of religiously-aggravated hate crimes reported to your force***
- 5. The number of religiously-aggravated hate crimes reported to your force, broken down by religion or perceived religion of the alleged victim***

Please provide this information broken down by calendar month, in one continuous time series, in Excel format.

For ethnicity and religious groups, please use the 2021 Census classifications.

For example:

*****see email for table*****

****Dummy figures used to demonstrate formatting***

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If the information requested contains sections of confidential information, please redact or remove these sections and mark clearly that they have been removed.

If you have any follow-up questions, I can be reached on this email address (preferred) or by telephone.

Many thanks in advance for your help,

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.

Please see the attached spreadsheet noting the below caveats.

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 where the religious or racial motivation flag is ticked, with a created date between '01 January 2022' and '30 September 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 following flags may be affected:

- Race hate motivation flag

Please note, hate crimes may have more than one motivation e.g. race and religion. This means that the numbers for each motivation will add up to more than the total number of hate crimes.

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.

There are 3 duplicate within the dataset, this is due to the 'self-declared ethnicity' field being populated with two different responses.