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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015707/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information for the last available 12 months' data in relation to:

- a. All female victims of domestic abuse***
- b. All female victims of sexual offences***

If you are unable to provide data for all female victims, please provide the data for:

- a. All victims of domestic abuse***
- b. All victims of sexual offences***

The information sought is:

- 1. In what proportion of cases is the victim's ethnicity recorded on the police electronic system?***
- 2. What is the ethnic breakdown of those victims for whom ethnicity is recorded?
Please state whether the ethnicity recorded is self-assessed or based on police IC codes.***

Please additionally provide the following information:

- 3. Is the recording of a victim's ethnicity a mandatory field on your force's electronic system?***
- 4. If so, please can you confirm when this was made a mandatory field.***

5. Please can you confirm what steps, if any, you have taken since 1 May 2024 to improve the recording of victims' race and ethnicity data on your systems, including any technology solutions, training or policy/guidance provided to officers.

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.

Question 1

- a. For the 12 month period (1st October 2024 to 31st September 2025) there was a total of 50,311 DA crimes recorded. 36,461 involved a female victim. 163 victims recorded as unknown/not recorded. Of the 36,461 female victims, 21,928 had a Police Defined Ethnicity recorded.
- b. For the 12 month period (1st October 2024 to 31st September 2025) there was a total of 12,166 Rape & Serious Sexual Offences crimes recorded. There were 542 victims recorded as unknown/not recorded. Of 9,453 female victims, 4,690 had a Police Defined Ethnicity recorded.

Question 2

Police Defined Ethnicity – DA Female Victim	Count
Asian	2280
Black	1299
Chinese, Japanese or any other South East Asian	65
Middle Eastern	265
White – North European	17736
White – South European	283

Police Defined Ethnicity – RASSO Female Victim	Count
Asian	408
Black	356
Chinese, Japanese or any other South East Asian	31
Middle Eastern	53
White – North European	3794
White – South European	48

Question 3 – Yes, it is a mandatory field in the recording management system. However, it can be bypassed with “Not provided/Not Stated” options. It is not a mandatory field in our incident management resourcing system.

Question 4 – In the recording management system, it has always (since going live in 2019) been a mandatory field when creating a new person record.

Question 5 – Since October 2024, crimes are recorded by a centralised team. Having a centralised team allows for tighter controls on data input. Staff receive full training and mentoring in National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) and Home Officer Counting Rules (HOCR).