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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015768/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST 1

Q1 - Please provide stats on the number of reported offences of CSE reported in the Salford district since 2015.

REQUEST 2

Q1 - Please provide stats on the number of live CSE investigations in the Salford district?

Q2 - How many live multi-offender/multi-victim cases are live in the Salford district?

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, when refusing to provide such information (because the 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.

Greater Manchester Police neither confirms nor denies that it holds information relevant to request 2, questions 1 and 2 by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 30(3) – Investigations

Section 30 is a class based qualified exemption and consideration of the public interest must be given as to whether neither confirming nor denying information exists is the appropriate response.

Factors favouring confirming that information is held

Confirming or denying whether information exists relevant to this request would lead to a better-informed general public identifying that Greater Manchester Police robustly investigate offences which may encourage individuals to provide intelligence in order to assist with investigations and reduce crime. This would further promote public trust in providing transparency and demonstrating openness and accountability into where the police are currently focusing their investigations.

The public are entitled to know how public funds are spent, particularly in the current economic climate.

Factors against confirmation or denial that information is held

Modern day policing is intelligence led. To confirm or deny the information does or does not exist, would prejudice investigations that may or may not be ongoing and would likely undermine Greater Manchester Police's ability to prevent and detect future crimes. Greater Manchester Police need to be allowed to carry out investigations effectively away from public scrutiny until such times as the details need to be made public, otherwise it will be difficult for accurate, thorough and objective investigations to be carried out.

Balance Test

The factors above highlight the merits of confirming, or denying, whether any other information pertinent to this request exists. GMP is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. As part of that policing purpose, various investigations may or may not be ongoing. GMP will never divulge whether or not information pertinent to a request does or does not exist, if to do so would compromise an ongoing investigation, or undermine the policing purpose in the effective delivery of operational law enforcement. Whilst there is a public interest in the transparency of policing investigations particularly in relation to child sexual exploitation, it will be overridden in exceptional circumstances. Therefore, at this moment in time, it is my opinion that for these factors, the balance test for neither confirming nor denying that any other information is held is appropriate.

No inference can be taken from this refusal that further information does or does not exist.

Remaining Response

Request 1

The data provided for this request is based on a search of all crimes with a CSE Flag recorded between 01/01/2025 to 04/11/2025 inclusive. The data has been filtered to show only those for the Salford District. The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

Please note 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.

Year	Crime Count
2015	35
2016	84
2017	89

2018	64
2019	100
2020	149
2021	103
2022	147
2023	109
2024	132
2025	97
Grand Total	1,109