

**Date:** 12/11/2025  
**Our ref:** 01/FOI/25/015788/L

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015788/L**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/11/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***For sexual offences since Jan 2022 broken down by gender and race of victim:***

***Total number of incidents where the perpetrator was a small boat arrival/illegal immigrant/irregular arrival/asylum seekers***

***How many of those perpetrators matched against Interpol/UN watch list or PNC for previous offences***

***Action taken? eg were they flagged on arrival, but released.***

***If no matches then confirm whether the checks were made or not on arrival, or by police***

**Result of Searches**

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

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

GMP are unable to respond to this request in full due to how the information you have asked relating to ***where the perpetrator was a small boat arrival/illegal immigrant/irregular arrival/asylum seekers***. We do not have a flag to easily identify if one of these categories applies and so we would be required to undertake a manual review in order to understand what information we hold to match what you have asked. This information, if held would be mentioned on the incident/crime log and this would be the only way to retrieve it. Since January 2022, GMP have recorded over 48,000 sexual offences and to trawl through each of these would certainly exceed the 18hrs permitted to respond.

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.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with a reduced time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore the resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to [freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk).