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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015430/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Racial and Religious Hate Crime Data (March 2025 - September 2025)
I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 1. Please provide data on the number of racial and religious hate incidents and crimes recorded by your police force between 1 March 2025 and 2 September 2025, including both violent and non-violent offences, as well as aggravated grievous bodily harm (GBH) where applicable.***

For each offence type, please provide:

- A. The raw number of offences recorded that were flagged as racial or religious offences and hate crimes.***
- B. The percentage this represents out of all recorded offences of that type during the same period.***
- C. A breakdown of the targeted groups, specifying the race or religion of the victims where recorded.***
- D. The number of offences recorded that were flagged as racial or religion incidents and hate crimes total in 2024 and the months leading up to March 2025***

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, I am not obliged to supply all the information you have requested as an exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, 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.

Parts **1a, b and d** are exempt under **section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The response to this request is available online. Please follow the link below.

[Hate crime performance data | Greater Manchester Police](#)

Please see the remaining information.

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 race is flagged as a motivation with a created date between 31/03/2025 and 23/09/2025, 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 are affected:

- Hate crime flag
- Race hate motivation flag
- Religion hate motivation flag

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 crimes in this response with no victim attached. These may be state based crimes (which do not need a victim), crimes where the victim has not been identified, or they may be system errors.

Self-Declared Ethnicity	Count
White - British	1138
Not Provided	2550
Asian - Pakistani	579
Black - African	420
Asian - Any Other Asian Background	401
White - Any Other White Background	187
Mixed - Any Other Mixed Background	90
Asian - Bangladeshi	67
Black - Any Other Black Background	222
Black - Caribbean	67

Not Stated	76
Other - Chinese	45
Asian - Indian	160
Mixed - White and Asian	36
Other - Any Other Ethnic Group	149
Mixed - White and Black African	33
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	72
White - Irish	27

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