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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015562/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

We want to explore how the UK hate crime sector has changed since the last request in 2022.

1. Is hate crime included in the police service's current policing plan?

c Yes (if yes can you send us a pdf copy of the policing plan?)

c No

c Don't know

2. Does the police service have a separate hate crime plan/strategy?

c Yes (if yes can you send us a pdf copy of the hate crime plan/strategy?)

c No

c Don't know

3. Does the police service have a designated hate crime lead?

c Yes (if yes – can you provide contact details (name and email) so we can contact them.

c No

c Don't know

4. Does the police service facilitate or take part in any hate crime forums?

c Yes (if yes – can you list the names of the hate crime forums that the police service facilitates or takes part in)

c Local: yes/no (if yes _____)

c Regional: yes/no (if yes _____)

c National: yes/no (if yes _____)

c Other: _____

c No

c Don't know

5. Does the police service have a designated hate crime information page on its website?
c Yes (if yes – please can you provide the URL link?)

_____)
c No
c Don't know

6. Does the police service have access to hate crime resources?
c Yes (if yes – please can you send us pdf copies of them?)

c report cards

c leaflets

c posters

c badges

c pens

c t-shirts

c Other: _____

c No

c Don't know

7. Does the police service refer victims of hate crime to independent advice and support services?

c Yes

c Crimestoppers

c Stop Hate UK

c Victim Support

c Victim Support Northern Ireland

c The Community Security Trust (National Organisation for Jewish victims)

c TELL MAMA (National Organisation for Muslim Victims)

c The Monitoring Group

c GATE Herts (A national reporting service)

c Galop (National organisation supporting LGBT+ victims)

c East European Resource Centre (EERC)

c other – can you provide a list of independent advice and support services, the police service refers to.

c No
c Don't know

8. Is the police service planning to participate in National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2025 (11-18 October 2025)?

c Yes (if yes – can you tell us what the police service is planning to do.

_____)
c No
c Don't know?

9. Has the police service participated in previous National Hate Crime Awareness weeks?
c Yes (if yes – please can you tick the years that the police service has taken part in the national week)

c 2021

c 2022

c 2023

c 2024

c plan to in 2025

c No

c Don't know

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 of the information you have requested as exemptions apply.

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.

Questions 1 and 5 are exempt under **section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. The response to this request is available online. Please follow the links below.

Q1 - [Police and Crime Plan - Greater Manchester Combined Authority](#)

Q5 - [Hate crime | Greater Manchester Police](#) & [Hate crime performance data | Greater Manchester Police](#)

Question 2 is exempt under **Section 22(1)(a) –Information intended for future publication**. The intended publication for the updated hate crime strategy within the next 3-6 months .

As the exemption used is a qualified exemption a public interest test (PIT) needs to be applied.

Factors Favouring Disclosure

Disclosure of the requested information at the present time would allow the public to have access to the information immediately, would enhance public knowledge of the subject and would promote the accountability and aid transparency of GMP.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Reviewing and formatting the data at the present time, in response to a Freedom of Information request, would be a duplication of work and would involve a disproportionate use of GMP resources and would not be an economical use of public funds.

Additionally, should the data from the upcoming report be released prematurely, there is the possibility that it may contain inaccuracies if it has not been subject to full scrutiny procedures.

Balancing Test

When balancing the Public Interest Test, we must consider whether the Public Interest is best served by the release of the information into the public domain immediately or by the withholding of the information. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosure is the facilitation of transparency of GMP, which needs to be weighed against the strongest negative reason, which, in this case, is the disproportionate use of GMP resources and an uneconomical use of public funds.

Therefore, the stance at this time is that the requested data is exempt from disclosure in response to a Freedom of Information request due to its future official publication by GMP.

Additionally, The email address requested in Question 3 is exempt by the following:

Section 40(2) Personal Information

The email address requested in Question 3 is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data

Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

Please see our responses below.

Question 1 – See exemption above.

Question 2 - See exemption above.

Question 3 - The hate crime lead is Chief Superintendent [REDACTED]. Please use the contact us pages online. [Contact us | Greater Manchester Police](#). Also see exemption above.

Question 4 – Yes, GMP cover hate crime in a variety of community forums and via IAG's at local level and participate in regional hate crime meetings.

Question 5 - See exemption above.

Question 6 – At present GMP do not have any of these, however A hate crime leaflet for victims has been produced and is awaiting sign off.

Question 7 – Yes, Victim Support.

Question 8 – Yes, key messages emphasising hate crime reporting and support of partner events that also cover hate/hate crime reporting

Question 9 - GMP have participated in all years.