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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015574/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/10/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. In the years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, how many police reports alleging rape and/or sexual assault on a hospital site were made?***
- 2. Of these, how many of the alleged perpetrators worked for the NHS at the time of the offence?***
- 3. Of these, how many of the alleged offences took place on hospital wards?***
- 4. How many of these accusations led to a charge?***

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.

In order to determine whether a rape/sexual offence took place within a hospital and whether the suspect worked for the NHS, we would need to conduct a manual review of all rapes and sexual offences as this information is not recorded in a way that allows for an easy retrieval. There are no flags or fields of this nature to extract the data required easily. For 2024 alone, GMP recorded 4150 rapes and 7816 other sexual offences (total = 11,966) and so to review each of these plus the remaining years would far exceed the limitations set in the FOIA 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.

In this instance, due to the volume of required manual reviews per any year, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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