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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015257/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please answer the following questions:

1. *How many reports have been made to your police force of sexual assault which are alleged to have taken place in leisure centres and swimming pools* between 1 January 2023 and 31st December 2023?*
2. *How many reports have been made to your police force of rape which are alleged to have taken place in leisure centres and swimming pools* between 1 January 2023 and 31st December 2023?*
3. *How many reports have been made to your police force of voyeurism (all forms of covert surveillance whether using a recording device or in person) which are alleged to have taken place in leisure centres and swimming pools* between 1 January 2023 and 31st December 2023?*
4. *How many of the above points 1, 2 & 3 were reported to have taken place in a mixed sex, open plan village style changing area?*
5. *How many of the above points 1, 2 & 3 were reported to have taken place in a single-sex changing room?*
6. *How many of the above points 1, 2 & 3 were reported to have been committed by a male?*

7. *How many of the above points 1, 2 & 3 were reported to have been committed by a male member of staff?*
8. *How many of the above points 1, 2 & 3 were reported to have involved a female victim?*
9. *Does your force record the sex of offenders as biological sex or as gender identity?*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to supply you with all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this 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. The information you have requested in questions 1-7 is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Section 40(2) represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would breach the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data. Due to the low numbers of crimes recorded and the specific addresses requested, the likelihood of identifying the people involved is high.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test for such data.

The remainder of your request is not exempt. It is subject to the following **caveats**:

The crime grand total is the volume of crimes using the HO Codes on the 'HO Codes' tab for the period 01/01/2023-31/012/2023.

Where possible duplicates have been removed.

The data is based on the date the crime was created and not when the crime was committed.

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.

1. Exempt under S40, see above.
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7. Exempt under S40, see above.
8. 5.
9. GMP refer to the Home Office Annual Data Requirement 153 (ADR153) which states to record as per the information on an individual's birth certificate or gender recognition certificate. We would therefore record details as per sex at birth, or gender recognition certificate.

For further information on ADR153, please contact the Home Office.