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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015297/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 07/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please treat this as a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to request the following information for the last three calendar years (2022-2024) within Greater Manchester Police's jurisdiction:

1. Breach of Non-Molestation Orders (NMOs) The number of reported breaches of NMOs recorded.

Of those, how many resulted in:

Arrest

Charge

No further action

Voluntary attendance interview

2. Risk-Based Response

The number of domestic abuse cases categorised as MARAC high-risk or where the victim was assessed as being at risk of homicide.

In how many of those high-risk cases:

A suspect was arrested for any breach of a protective order (NMO, restraining order, etc.)

A safeguarding plan was recorded for the victim

No further action was taken

3. Investigation Protocols

A copy of GMP's current internal policy or guidance on responding to reported breaches of NMOs, particularly where the victim is identified as high risk.

Please provide the above data in digital format (PDF or spreadsheet is fine). If you anticipate that this request exceeds the cost/time threshold, I am happy to prioritise or refine the request.

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 would be unable to respond in full to this request without carrying out a manual review for question 2 of this FOI. The reason behind this is because we do not assign a risk level to crimes, the risk level is assigned to the DAB (domestic abuse event) our systems and so the information you require is not readily available to us for easy extraction. We have ran a report for all DABs marked as high-risk between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2024 inclusive, which brought back 43,220 events. These would need to be manually reviewed in order to determine the circumstances (i.e. linked to a breach of protective order), whether a safeguarding plan has been recorded, and whether any action was taken. At 15 minutes per record, this would far exceed 18 hours.

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 the removal of Q2. 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

See below.

Caveat.

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.

Question 1.

Home Office code '066/39' (Breach of Non-Molestation Order) that were recorded between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2024 inclusive):

Year	Breach of Non-Molestation Orders
2022	1209
2023	818
2024	624