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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015347/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Revised from 015151

How many cases of alleged sexual assault and harassment in schools did Greater Manchester Police respond to in 2024 (calendar year)?

How many of these cases were reports of under-18s harassing and assaulting their peers? i.e. instances of children sexually assaulting other children in school.

How many of these reports resulted in a charge?

Please use HO codes below.

17A, 17B

20A, 20B

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22B

175/08

088/15

066/21

021/14, 021/15, 021/24 or 021/25 follows an offence where the offender is under 18.

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 not be able to respond to this request without carrying out a manual review on the related crimes that match this request using the HO codes provided above. We have completed a search and narrowed the results down with the keyword "school" and this has provided us with 720 crimes with school in the MO. Each MO would need manually searching to check if they matched this request of occurring in school, and not for example- "school Friends", school holidays", "another school" "reported by safeguarding at school", "went to school with" "school child found" etc. At a conservative rate of 5 minutes per each search, this request would take approximately 60hrs to process.

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 a reduced time frame. However, 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.