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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015427/P**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:*

- 1. The total number of children reported missing in Manchester during the past two years.**
- 2. Details of any actions, initiatives, or measures taken by your organisation to address and reduce the number of children going missing in the area.**

**Clarification - This is for the whole of GM.**

**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.

**Question 1.**

GMP investigated 27,253 reports of missing children (below the age of 18) during the period 01/09/23 – 31/08/25

**Question 2.**

**Initiatives**

- Child Abduction Warning Notices (CAWN) can be served at addresses they are known to visit whilst missing.
- Initiatives have been set up on a Pan Manchester level with regard to children resident in Care.
- Local initiatives have been set up in local authority areas to address issues relating to children who go missing.

Measures:

- Every child placed into the care of a Greater Manchester Authority should have a Philomena Protocol which identifies possible lines of enquiry should they be reported missing.
- Any child open to Complex Safeguarding Teams should have a “trigger Plan” which identifies possible lines of enquiry should they go missing.
- Children that are repeatedly reported as missing but are not open to CSTs should also have a trigger plan.
- Every missing child should be subject of a Police Prevention Interview when located, and resulting information is shared with the relevant Children's Services / Carers etc