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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015436/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

The total number of recorded racist and anti-migrant crimes over the past three years (broken down by year, if possible).

A list of each recorded incident of racist and anti-migrant crimes within this period, including:

The date and location of the offence, and The nature of the incident (for example, what was said or done).

The purpose of my request is to understand whether the recent political and media focus on immigration, including small boat crossings, may have had an impact on the prevalence of crimes targeting ethnic minorities and migrants.

Clarification – its for Hate crimes

- ***Racist and anti-migrant crimes: Racially or religiously aggravated incidents and criminal offences.***
- ***A list of each recorded incident of racist and anti-migrant crimes: Please can you provide me with a list of racially or religiously aggravated incidents and criminal offences by calendar year (2023-2025 to date), including details of the incident/offence where available?***

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 publishes hate crimes every month via the GMP website, however, we do not centrally hold information that provides “**what was said or done or details of the incident/offence**”. This information can only be extracted by manually reviewing each offence and checking each records MO to see if the information has been fully recorded. From September 2022 – July 2025 there have been over 22,000 reports of hate crime specified as a RACE crime count. To review each one of these would certainly exceed the limitations laid out in the FOIA.

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 to request the number of hate crimes broken down such as transgender, disability etc without a breakdown on the reason behind this offence such as what was said and done. 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.

Please note – All GMP's hate crimes are published online via the below link.

[Hate crime performance data | Greater Manchester Police](#)