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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016483/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding recorded incidents of violence linked to specific familial marriage dynamics. Specifically, I am looking for data from 2020 to present, with a year-on-year breakdown of the following.

Please provide the following information:

Total number of incidents: The total number of recorded domestic abuse or violent offences flagged as "Honour-Based Abuse" (HBA).

Keyword search: Within the "MO" (Modus Operandi) or "Summary" fields of domestic abuse reports, a count of how many records contain the keywords: "cousin", "consanguineous", or "first cousin".

Outcome data: For the incidents identified in Question 2, please provide a breakdown of the outcomes (e.g., Charge/Summons, Caution, Evidential Difficulties, or Case Closed).

Relationship Context: If held within your reporting system, a breakdown of the relationship between the victim and the suspect in these cases (e.g., spouse, sibling, parent).

If a keyword search of all domestic abuse files is deemed to exceed the cost limit, please prioritise the search within cases already flagged as Honour-Based Abuse. However, from corresponding with other forces, I expect this not to be the case as they have provided all of this previously. I appreciate your efforts and please let me know if I should open an internal review further down the line.

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.

CAVEATS

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.

The data provided for this request is based on a search of crimes with DV Flag (bottom table) & crimes with both a DV Flag & HBA Flag (for all other tables) recorded between 01/01/2020 to 28/02/2026 inclusive. The data has been displayed by calendar year for DV/ HBA data & as a total for DV Flag only.

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Duplicates have been removed where possible.

Please note the date is based on the 'Crime Recorded' date and not when the Incident occurred.

The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/ or updated.

Relationship data for all DV crimes for this period cannot be provided as this would involve a manual trawl which would exceed 18 hours.

Due to low numbers being returned for some crimes, some of the totals have been replaced with X, as by providing exact figures as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing this data in this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

DV Honour Based Incident	Count of Crimes
2020	302
2021	426
2022	387
2023	374
2024	313
2025	292
2026	28

Victim Relationship	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Acquaintance/ Other known relationship	16	18	7	5	15	8	X
Brother/ Sister (Includes Adopted/ Half)	33	40	25	23	16	8	X
Ex-Partner: Heterosexual Partnership	38	46	40	38	22	46	X
Ex-Partner: Non-Heterosexual Partnership	X	X		X		X	
Ex-Partner: Partnership Not Known		X	X		X		
Grandparent		X					
Missing Value	214	315	314	307	258	226	23

Crime Outcome	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
A Community Resolution (with or without formal restorative justice) (Informal Police Action) (8C)			X			X	
Adult Caution (3A)			X	X		X	
Adult Conditional Caution (3B)			X		X		
Cannabis Warning (7A)				1			
Charge (1A)	12	15	11	9	15	5	X
Charged Alternative Offence (1C)	X	5		X	X	X	
Decision Pending (98)	X			6	15	24	X
Diversory, Educational, Intervention complete. Further action not in public interest. (22)			X	X	X	X	
Eliminated (99A)			X				
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14)	7	27	23	23	10	11	X
Further Investigated Not in Public Interest (Pol) (21)	X	X		X			
Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)	12	18	28	34	14	18	X
Locate Trace (15E)						X	X
Missing Value	16	27	42	39	47	33	X

Outcome 20 - Referred to Other Agency (96)	X	X	X	X			
Prosecution Not in Public Interest (Pol) (10)	X	X		X			
Prosecution Time Limit Expired (17)	8	X	X	X	X	X	
Refer To Pnc (15D)						X	X
Restorative Justice 1 (8A)			X				
Summons (1B)		X					
Suspect Identified- Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)	27	17	12	16	5	X	
Suspect Identified- Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)	54	86	98	102	93	83	
Suspect Identified- Insufficient Other (15C)	X	X	X	6		X	
Suspect Identified- Victim Does not Support (16)	156	219	157	122	107	104	10

There are **85** crimes which made reference to 'cousin' in the MO & Description field. There were none that referenced 'consanguineous'.