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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016654/X

I write in connection with your request for information dated 01/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

To support research in preventing suicide amongst police professionals please provide the following data for each of the calendar years 2020 to 2025 inclusive:

- 1. Number of new investigations opened into police officer misconduct***
- 2. Number of concluded investigations relating to police officer misconduct***
- 3. Number of police officers known to have committed or attempted suicide whilst under investigation***
- 4. Number of police officers known to have committed or attempted suicide whilst under investigation***
- 5. Number of concluded investigations relating to police staff misconduct***
- 6. Number of police staff known to have committed or attempted suicide whilst under investigation***

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

For questions 3 and 6 of this FOI, GMP do not currently record this data, specifically the reason. For GMP to know what and how much of this information has been documented, would require a manual review all leavers and/or individuals under investigation over the 5 years to gain this information if held. Due to the scale of this review, we can confidently say this will exceed 18hrs to complete these questions.

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 questions 3 and 6 and/or a reduction in the timeframe. 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.

Caveats

- Based on Cases received between 01/0/20 – 31/12/25 or case finalised between 01/01/20 – 31/12/25
- Relates only to cases whereby the severity assessment level has been assessed as Misconduct or above at any point in the investigation
- Unidentified subjects removed
- Subjects may be linked to more than one case but only counted once per year
- On cases received per 2020 there is no way of extracting severity assessment level without a lengthy manual review (over 900 cases) & therefore finalised figures will not capture all cases

Question1.

	Cases	Officers
2020	175	225
2021	194	231
2022	233	266
2023	252	301
2024	227	253
2025	195	200

Question 2.

	Cases	Officer
2020	37	36
2021	131	185
2022	224	248
2023	206	243
2024	217	229
2025	233	268

Question 3.

See S12 exemption above

Question 4

N/A – Duplicate of Question 3.

Question 5.

Cases	Staff
20	22
51	51
77	67
53	51
62	63
78	146

Question 6.

See S12 exemption above