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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017184/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 06/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I request the following information for the period 1 January 2018 to the most recent date available.

Please provide the number of recorded crimes within your police force area where the suspect or offender was recorded as:

- *having entered the United Kingdom by crossing the English Channel from France in a small boat;*
- *being an asylum seeker;*
- *having been granted refugee status;*
- *being a failed asylum seeker;*
- *residing in Home Office asylum accommodation, including asylum hotels, contingency accommodation, dispersal accommodation, barges or military accommodation.*

Where held, please provide annual totals for:

- *Recorded crimes (alleged offences)*
- *Arrests*
- *Voluntary interviews*
- *Charges*
- *Files submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service*
- *Outcomes*
- *Convictions (if held)*

Please provide a breakdown by offence category including:

- *Homicide*
- *Violence Against the Person*

- Sexual Offences
- Rape
- Assault by Penetration
- Sexual Assault
- Child Sexual Offences
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Grooming
- Indecent Images of Children
- Exposure
- Voyeurism
- Robbery
- Burglary
- Theft
- Criminal Damage
- Fraud
- Drug Offences
- Weapons Offences
- Public Order Offences
- Hate Crime
- Domestic Abuse-related Offences
- Modern Slavery Offences
- Immigration Offences
- All Other Recorded Offences

Please also confirm:

1. *Whether your force records or has access to any field identifying:*
 - a. *immigration status;*
 - b. *asylum status;*
 - c. *refugee status;*
 - d. *method of entry into the UK;*
 - e. *Home Office asylum accommodation.*
2. *Which systems or databases were searched to answer this request.*
3. *If the requested information is not held, whether your force instead records:*
 - f. *nationality;*
 - g. *country of birth;*
 - h. *foreign national offender markers;*
 - i. *Home Office immigration checks;*
 - j. *or any other field capable of identifying non-UK nationals.*

If the precise information requested is not held, please provide any relevant management information, statistical reports, intelligence assessments, or aggregated data falling within the scope of this request.

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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. We do not record the immigration status or method of entry into the United Kingdom of

offenders on crime reports. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all recorded crimes since 2018 to establish if such detail is noted in the crime report.

To comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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. For the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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.