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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017210/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am looking for data which I cannot find on your website.

1. *In the following years, please provide figures for:*
 - a. *the number of rape cases your force investigated during 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2022, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2023, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025 and 1 Jan – 30 June 2026.*
 - b. *Please provide an ethnic and gender* breakdown of the suspect for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data [* a female may be guilty of rape if they assist a male perpetrator in an attack].*
 - c. *Please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of the victims/survivors for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data.*
 - d. *Please provide the ages of the youngest and oldest raped for each corresponding year in a table.*
 - e. *Please provide figures for the number of cases which resulted in the arrests of suspects.*
 - f. *Please provide the outcomes of the arrests e.g., no further action, charged, sent to crown court or whichever way you record outcomes.*
2. *Turning to one specific group – asylum seekers. In the following years, please provide figures for:*

- a. *the number of rape cases your force investigated where the suspect was an asylum seeker during the following years: 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2022, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2023, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025 and 1 Jan – 30 June 2026.*
 - b. *Please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of the victims/survivors for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data.*
 - c. *Please provide the ages of the youngest and oldest raped for each corresponding year in a table.*
 - d. *Please provide figures for the number of cases which resulted in the arrests of suspects.*
 - e. *Please provide the outcomes of the arrests e.g., no further action, charged, sent to crown court or whichever way you record outcomes.*
3. *Still staying with asylum seekers. In the following years, please provide figures for:*
- a. *the number of sexual and indecent assaults excluding rape your force investigated where the suspect was an asylum seeker during the following years: 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2020, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2022, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2023, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2024, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2025 and 1 Jan – 30 June 2026.*
 - b. *Please provide an ethnic and gender breakdown of the victims/survivors for each corresponding year in a table. When it comes to ethnicity, please make clear whether it is self-defined ethnicity or officer ethnicity. If possible, please give both sets of data.*
 - c. *Please provide the ages of the youngest and oldest raped for each corresponding year in a table.*
 - d. *Please provide figures for the number of cases which resulted in the arrests of suspects.*
 - e. *Please provide the outcomes of the arrests e.g., no further action, charged, sent to crown court or whichever way you record outcomes.*

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. GMP do not record the immigration status as a searchable field on our crime reports. To provide the data requested in questions 2 and 3 would involve a manual search of all recorded rapes and sexual assaults to establish if it is noted on the crime report that the suspect was an asylum seeker.

A search of our crime records shows that there are 25,560 rape crime records that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 2,130 hours to ascertain the data required for question 2 alone. Therefore, 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.