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Our ref: 01/FOI/26/017324/M

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017324/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/07/2026, I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *In the past five years (Jan1st 2021 to June 30th 2026) Please tell me how many hate crimes were recorded. Please also provide a yearly breakdown of these statistics.*
2. *In the past five years (Jan1st 2021 to June 30th 2026) please tell me how many religious hate crimes were recorded. Please also provide a yearly breakdown of these statistics.*
3. *In the past five years (Jan1st 2021 to June 30th 2026) please tell me how many antisemitic (or targeting Jewish people) hate crimes were recorded. Please also provide a yearly breakdown of these statistics.*
4. *Please tell me the official definition antisemitism for the recorded crimes.*

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 that the information requested is held by GMP, however, I am not required to supply all of it because an exemption applies.

Parts 1 to 3

The exemption applicable to the information is **Section 21 - Information reasonably accessible by other means**. This is because the information is already freely available at:

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/police-forces/greater-manchester-police/areas/greater-manchester-force-content/sd/stats-and-data/hate-crime/>

Part 4

This falls under the definition for hate crime which is as follows:

"Any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a person's race or perceived race; religion or perceived religion; sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; disability or perceived disability and any crime motivated by hostility or prejudice against a person who is transgender or perceived to be transgender."

When a hate crime is recorded, we are obliged to flag the motivator of the hate crime. Where the hate is motivated by religion and that religion is Jewish, it is antisemitism.