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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016349/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

FOI request: FGM offences, mandatory reporting sources, and outcomes (YE March 2016-YE March 2025)

Dear FOI team,

I am requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to police-recorded offences of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and the mandatory reporting duty flag, for the period year ending (YE) March 2016 to YE March 2025, inclusive (or the earliest year from which Greater Manchester Police can reliably extract the requested information).

Please provide the information below in aggregate tables only (no personal data, no case narratives), using data held in structured fields in your crime recording/case management systems.

Please use the same definition of "FGM offences" as used in the Home Office collection on so-called honour-based abuse offences (FGM offences).

Part A: Where mandatory reporting duty flagged offences originate (or closest available proxy)

For each year (YE March 2016 to YE March 2025), please provide:

A1. The number of police-recorded FGM offences flagged as originating from the FGM mandatory reporting duty, broken down by referrer sector at the point of report (for example: NHS acute trust, NHS community, GP, education, local authority children's social care, other local authority, self-report, third sector, other, unknown).

If referrer sector is not held as a structured field, please instead provide the closest available proxy/metadata that is held in structured data, for example:

A2. Counts of mandatory-report-flagged FGM offences by initial contact channel (e.g., 999, 101, online, professional referral, walk-in, other/unknown); and/or A3. Counts by caller/reporting person type (e.g., professional, victim, family member, third party, anonymous, unknown), if available; and/or A4. Counts by originating unit/team (e.g., safeguarding/PPU, local policing, central referral unit, other), if available.

Please indicate which of A1-A4 you are able to provide, and the field labels used in your system.

Part B: What happens after an FGM offence is recorded (pipeline and outcomes)

For each year (YE March 2016 to YE March 2025), please provide a single table for police-recorded FGM offences showing:

B1. Total number of FGM offences recorded; B2. Number of recorded FGM offences flagged as originating from the mandatory reporting duty; B3. Number where a named suspect was identified (or nearest equivalent structured field, such as "suspect identified/known"); B4. Number referred to CPS for early advice and/or charging decision (if held as a structured field); B5. Number charged (if held as a structured field); B6. Finalisation/outcome breakdown using Home Office outcome categories (or your standard outcome framework) for FGM offences.

B7. If held, please also provide median time from offence recorded to final outcome (days), for FGM offences, by year.

If any items (B3-B7) are not held in a retrievable structured form, please state that and provide any alternative structured metrics routinely used to monitor investigation progression and outcomes for recorded FGM offences.

Format

Please provide the outputs in Excel or CSV. If small numbers require suppression, please apply your standard approach and note it.

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, I am not obliged to supply you with the information as an exemption applies.

Victims of Female Genital Mutilation have lifelong anonymity under Section 71 of the Serious Crime Act 2015. A breach of their anonymity is a summary offence which carries an unlimited fine. Due to this, the information you have requested relating to Female Genital Mutilation offences is exempt under **Section 44(1)(a) - Prohibitions on Disclosure**.

In accordance with the Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for that piece of information.