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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016430/J

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

please provide information regarding support and safety planning offered following Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS / "Clare's Law") disclosures within your force.

Please provide the data for the most recent 12 months (or last financial year), plus if readily available at no extra cost, please also provide the same for the previous year. If you hold it in a different reporting format (calendar year/financial year), please use what you hold.

1) Volume of disclosures For each period, please provide:

- ***Total number of DVDS applications received (Right to Ask), and total number of proactive enquiries (Right to Know), if recorded.***
- ***Total number of DVDS disclosures made (i.e., where information was disclosed).***

2) Support offered at/after disclosure For each period, for people who received a DVDS disclosure, please provide:

- ***Number and percentage who were offered referral/signposting to specialist domestic abuse support (e.g., IDVA service, local domestic abuse service, victim support), if recorded.***
- ***Number and percentage who accepted that offer (or were referred), if recorded.***
- ***Number and percentage who were successfully contacted/engaged by the support service following referral (if the force records this outcome).***
- ***If the force uses specific categories (e.g., IDVA, ISVA, Victim Support, MARAC referral, children's services, housing), please break the figures down by category as recorded.***

3) Safety planning / follow-up by police For each period, please provide (if recorded):

- ***Number and percentage where a safety plan was completed/provided (or "safety advice" recorded).***

- **Average and median time from (a) application to (b) disclosure decision to (c) disclosure delivery.**
- **Number and percentage where there was any recorded follow-up contact by police within: 48 hours, 7 days, or 28 days after the disclosure (please provide whichever time bands you record). Please advise if this search will exceed the cost limit.**

4) Recording and policy

- **Copies of any current force policy/SOP, guidance, or checklist used by staff that covers post-disclosure safeguarding, referrals, and follow-up under DVDS (redact names/emails if needed).**
- **The definition(s) or codes used on force systems to record: “support offered”, “referral made”, “referral accepted”, “engagement/uptake”, and “safety planning”.**

Format and clarifications

- **Please provide the information in CSV or Excel where possible.**
- **I am not requesting any personal data; aggregated figures are sufficient.**
- **If any part of this request exceeds the FOI cost limit, please advise how it could be narrowed to fall within the limit.**

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 the information requested is held by GMP.

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

For GMP to be able to provide a response for at least parts 2 and 3 of this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the records retrieved for question 1. The information held in both questions is not held in any central location and can only be extracted from each individual record. From 10/02/25 to 10/02/26 we have located over 6400 DVD requests. To review each of these would exceed 18hrs.

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.

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 2 and 3. However, 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 exceeded (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.

Part 1.

The below is from 10/02/25 to 10/02/26

Districts	Closed DVDS Requests	Disclosure Completed	% Disclosure Completed
Bolton Division	675	339	50%
Bury Division	639	305	48%
COM Central Division	318	158	50%
COM North Division	348	164	47%
COM South Division	356	243	68%
Oldham Division	534	161	30%
Rochdale Division	472	197	42%
Salford Division	781	381	49%
Stockport Division	585	222	38%
Tameside Division	656	340	52%
Trafford Division	367	152	41%
Wigan Division	709	319	45%
Grand Total	6440	2981	46%

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