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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/016072/M

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please can you provide the following information for the academic years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 for the following Universities under your jurisdiction:

***University of Manchester
Manchester Metropolitan University
University of Salford
University of Bolton***

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Please can you provide the following information for the academic years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25

- 1. number of students or staff that have reported rape and/or sexual assault, broken down by University and by the gender of the reporter/alleged victim (male/female/other)***
- 2. number of these which had a case put forward to the CPS***
- 3. number of these cases which have reached court***
- 4. number of these cases which have led to a criminal conviction***

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.

Having reviewed this request, a search was carried out to see what data can be extracted within the time limits set out in the FOIA. We searched for one years' worth of the data (January 1st 2025 – 31st

December 2025) for this request, and once we applied a word search for 'University' in the location description and then filtered the districts to Bolton, Salford and the CoM. This 1 year revealed over 400 results, and to review all these at a rate of 5 minutes per each one would take in the region of 34hrs to complete. This does not include results from any other years.

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.

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 a reduced time frame and/or a reduction in the volume of information requested. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.