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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016138/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm writing to you to request information from your police force under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please could you tell me:

1) Between 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025, how many men were the suspect in a homicide case where the victim was female? Where possible please provide the age and ethnicity of the male suspect. I am happy for you to redact demographic information in the instances where a case is still active - or cannot be shared for other reasons.

i. Of those cases how many resulted in a:

Charge

Conviction

Other outcome - please specify e.g. diminished responsibility, No Further Action, murder suicide

ii. Please state if the suspect was facing other charges alongside the suspected homicide crime e.g. sexual offences, firearms, or offensive weapons offence. Please specify the charge(s).

2) Between 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025, How many male suspects in homicide cases where the victim was female, were known to the police via a domestic violence marker or domestic violence flag, such as DARA, Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS/Claire's Law)

3) Between 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024, How many male suspects in homicide cases where the victim was female, were known to the police via a domestic violence marker or domestic violence flag, such as DARA, Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS/Claire's Law) etc.

4) Between 1 January 2025 - 31 December 2025, how many men were the suspect in a case involving the death of a female where a homicide has not yet been confirmed or the case is still under investigation?

Please prioritise questions in order of writing if the time threshold is reached. Many thanks.

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.

Caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold

1. In 2025 there were 5 Homicides involving female victims, of these 3 involved a male perpetrator.

However, I am not obliged to supply all of the remaining information held as exemptions apply.

The exemptions applied are -

Section 30(1)(a)(b)(c) – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities Section 40(2) Personal Information

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Due to such low results, the remaining breakdowns and questions are exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

In addition, **Section 30** is a class based qualified exemption; there is a requirement to carry out a public interest test, which can be seen below.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Disclosure

To disclose details of any ongoing investigations relating to this request into the public domain, would show GMP's accountability, and satisfy the public, that investigations into such incidents are being conducted correctly. It would also show GMP's use of public funds in apprehending suspects of crimes.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release the data that is related to investigations that remain open may seriously undermine GMP's ability to complete those investigations to a full and correct conclusion. Any release of information relating to ongoing investigations could prejudice and undermine those investigations.

The prevention and detection of such matters could therefore be hindered and therefore risk interference with evidence, which could have detrimental impact on future investigations. In addition, the right to a fair trial could be undermined.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain, therefore arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be the fact that disclosure would encourage transparency.

This needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure, which is the impact on GMP's ability to complete investigations to a full and correct conclusion.

Therefore, having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.