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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016147/J

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

This request is further to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) press release published on 13 December 2024 about an update to prosecution guidance which clarifies the law on when deceiving someone or failing to disclose birth sex could affect consent in rape cases - link below.

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cps.gov.uk%2Fcps%2Fnews%2Fprosecutors-publish-updated-deception-sex-guidance&data=05%7C02%7Cfreedomofinformation%40gmp.police.uk%7C0b4a92e351be48292bb508de5116cac2%7Cdc8a542c40d46ab8f73e6023f45c7c5%7C0%7C0%7C639037355509842708%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMlslkFoljoiTWVpbiIsIlIdUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C80000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=X0LSq8xkidsVcTLA%2F2sAUfb9gtduQXKJgC2nIUa9YNQ%3D&reserved=0>

For the period of December 2024 to December 2025, please can you tell me how many reports Greater Manchester Police have had of rape where it is believed that consent was affected by a failure to disclose birth sex or transgender identity, and how many people have been charged in relation to the same.

Result of Searches

GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf.

GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold the information relating to your request. There is no field for Transgender or a field that identifies if the birth gender differs from how the Individual currently identifies, therefore we would be required to review all the rape cases over the time period requested to see if the information you are seeking is recorded in a way that can be

provided. For the period of December 2024 to December 2025, there have been 4,323 Rape crimes recorded and to review each if these will exceed the 18hrs provided to respond under the FOIA.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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.

In this instance, aside from a greater reduced time frame, Greater Manchester Police will be unable to provide further advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit in accordance with Section 16(1), the duty to provide advice and assistance, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.