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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016601/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This request concerns how your force defines, records, and includes transgender victims - particularly transgender women - within its approach to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).

Please answer the following.

1. Policy definition

1.1. Does your force's current VAWG strategy, policy, or operational guidance explicitly include transgender women within the definition of "women and girls"?

1.2. If yes, please provide:

- * the relevant policy document(s), and*
- * the specific wording used.*

2. Crime recording - gender and trans status

2.1. When recording a victim of crime, what fields are available to officers regarding:

- * sex*

- * *gender*
- * *gender identity*
- * *transgender status*

2.2. Are officers able to record a victim as:

- * *a transgender woman*
- * *a transgender man*

2.3. If yes, please state:

- * *which systems or databases allow this, and*
- * *since what date this has been possible.*

3. Inclusion within VAWG statistics

3.1. When your force reports or compiles VAWG statistics (including but not limited to rape, sexual offences, domestic abuse, stalking and harassment), are transgender women included within those figures?

3.2. If yes, please explain how this is operationalised in practice.

3.3. If no, please explain the basis on which transgender victims are excluded.

4. Ability to disaggregate data

4.1. Is your force able to identify, from recorded crime data, victims who are transgender?

4.2. If yes:

* *please confirm whether you can identify transgender women separately from other victims.*

4.3. If no:

- * *please confirm that it is not possible to extract this information from your systems.*

5. Internal analysis or reporting

5.1. Has your force produced any internal analysis, reports, or briefings since 1 January 2020 which:

- * *assess violence against transgender victims, or*
- * *consider their inclusion within VAWG.*

5.2. If yes, please provide copies.

6. Guidance to officers

6.1. Please provide any guidance, policy, or training material given to officers or staff which addresses:

- * how to record the gender or sex of transgender victims, and
- * whether transgender victims fall within VAWG.

7. Changes to recording practice

7.1. Since 1 January 2023, has your force made any changes to:

- * how sex or gender is recorded, or
- * how transgender victims are categorised?

7.2. If yes, please provide details and copies of any relevant policies or instructions.

Format

Please provide the requested information in electronic form.

Purpose (optional but helpful)

This request is intended to understand whether there is alignment between:

- * stated VAWG policy, and
- * the practical ability of forces to record and evidence violence against transgender victims.

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.

CAVEATS

Updates to the sex and gender reassignment questions agreed at chiefs' council are pending subject to the issue of national guidance by the Office for National Statistics/Government Statistical Service following the UK Supreme Court ruling last year. It is important that as far as possible policing is in alignment with future government standards and therefore avoid costly IT system changes before a standardised national approach is agreed.

- 1.1. No
- 1.2. N/A

2.1. When recording a victim of crime, officers are required to select the *Gender* of the victim from the following options: **Male / Female / Unknown**. There are currently no dedicated fields for gender identity or transgender status. Where such information is relevant, it may be recorded within free-text sections of the crime report, such as the Modus Operandi or the Investigation Plan, rather than through a structured dropdown field.

2.2. There is no specific system option to record a victim explicitly as a transgender woman or transgender man. However, officers record the victim's details in accordance with how the individual identifies, and this information can be included within free-text fields where appropriate.

2.3. The recording of gender identity or transgender status is not supported through specific dropdown fields on current systems. Any such information can only be entered manually within free-text areas. As this is not a structured data field, there is no defined date from which this functionality became available

3. GMP's data performance system does not have a field available to use to identify and therefore report performance data regarding transgender victims. There is a transgender hate crime qualifier flag, but it is only crimes recorded as hate crimes.

4. *It is not currently possible to extract this data as it is not recorded on our current Record Management System for crime recording.*

5. No.

6. If a victim identified as transgender, and they are not already on the system as their initial sex, they will be recorded in the sex they identify as. If they are already on the system, then there is an option to update their person record to document the change in gender.

7. There has been no change since 01/01/2023.