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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017171/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 02/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

[REDACTED] *is writing to request information on the following:*

- a) The number of suspected suicides and attempted suicides by ethnicity for the period 2000-2025.*
- b) ethnicity codes used by the force.*

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. GMP do not hold in any central location a way of knowing exactly what/if information is held in a recorded form for "Attempted Suicides". This type of information may be recorded under concern for welfare, and so each of these would need to be trawled through to see if we hold this portion of the request.

A search completed has revealed there would be over 44,000 records to review and as such this FOI could not be completed in under 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

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 the required data for Attempted Suicides figures. 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.