



**GREATER MANCHESTER
POLICE**

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017129/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please note the information sought is in relation to present day crimes and not historical.

Violent and sexual offences at dance premises, including dance school, dance schools, dance academy/academies etc 2025/2026

1, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in 2025/2026?

2, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the victim was aged under 18 (breakdown of age if possible) in 2025/2026?

3, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the perpetrator was over 18 in 2025/2026?

4. Is there any more information in relation to the perpetrator in terms of profession (ie Dance coach, dance principle, dance school owner etc)?

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5, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in 2024/2025?

6, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the victim was aged under 18 (breakdown of age if possible) in 2024/2025?

7, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the perpetrator was over 18 in 2024/2025?

8. Is there any more information in relation to the perpetrator in terms of profession (ie Dance coach, dance principle, dance school owner etc)?

Violent and sexual offences at dance premises, including dance school, dance schools, dance academy/academies etc 2023/2024

9, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in 2023/2024?

10, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the victim was aged under 18 (breakdown of age if possible) in 2023/2024?

11, How many alleged violent offences and sexual offences, (including breakdown) have been recorded as crimes, on dance premises (including dance school, dance academy etc) in which the perpetrator was over 18 in 2023/2024?

12. Is there any more information in relation to the perpetrator in terms of profession (ie Dance coach, dance principle, dance school owner etc)?

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.

For GMP to be able to provide a response to this request it will require a substantial manual review of all the recorded crimes that relate to this request. We have downloaded the data for one year of this FOI (2025/26), then removed any crimes that had been committed prior to the 1st April 2021, to eliminate the historic (over 5 years ago) crimes, followed by filtering the data to include the following crime types to capture offences that may be considered 'Violent or Sexual Offences':

- Other Sexual Offences
- Public Order Offences
- Rape
- Homicide
- Robbery
- Stalking and Harassment
- Violence with Injury
- Violence without Injury

From these results we conducted a key word search of the MO for the word 'Dance' which brought back 877 results.

These would then require a manual review of the crime MO to establish whether the offence occurred at a Dance Premise, along with the need to establish whether the offence was violent, as there may be crimes contained within those categories that weren't violent offences e.g. a crime within stalking for example is Breaches of Orders, and so we would need to cross reference the data with the HO level offence. At a conservative rate of 5 minutes per review, this request for just one year of the three requested would take approximately 73 hrs to complete.

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 reduction in the time frame, for example reducing the full request to one year or less and reducing the "historical" time from 5 years to less. 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.