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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017165/P

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

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2025.

- 1. How many individual children (those aged 0 – 17) were reported missing in your policing area?***
- 2. How many missing incidents were reported in relation to those missing children (those aged 0 – 17)?***
- 3. How many individual adults (those aged 18+) were reported missing in your policing area?***
- 4. How many missing incidents were reported in relation to those missing adults (those aged 18+)?***
- 5. In how many missing incidents was a safe and well check / prevention interview conducted:***
 - a. In relation to missing child incidents***
 - b. In relation to missing adult incidents***
- 6. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews were the following risk factors identified in relation to missing children?***
 - a. Mental health***
 - b. Child sexual exploitation***
 - c. Child criminal exploitation***

7. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews were the following risk factors identified in relation to missing adults?

- a. Mental health**
- b. Sexual exploitation**
- c. Criminal exploitation**

8. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews was harm identified:

- a. In relation to missing child incidents**
- b. In relation to missing adult incidents**

9. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews was a referral made as a result of the safe and well check in relation to missing children:

- a. Number of PPN reports submitted**
- b. The number of other referrals made**

10. In how many safe and well check / prevention interviews was a referral made as a result of the safe and well check in relation to missing adults:

- a. Number of PPN reports submitted**
- b. The number of other referrals made**

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 all of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

To fully supply the information you are seeking, GMP would be required to carry out a comprehensive review of over 25,000 records. This is because the information for questions 6 to 8 and question 10 is not stored in any searchable fields or held in a central location for easy extraction. Under the circumstances, I am confident that to locate, retrieve, and extract the information you seek would by far exceed the time obligations upon this authority to comply, and in doing so, would exceed the fee limit within the FOIA.

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 the removal of questions 6, 7, 8 and 10. However, 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded (see below information). I hope that this is of use

to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

1. 4623.
2. 14126.
3. 7220.
4. 10837.
5. As per GMP's force policy, ALL missing persons have a Police Prevention Interview (PPI) (safe/well check) when they are located / return and prior to the report being closed.
6. See exemption above.
7. See exemption above.
8. See exemption above.
9. As per GMP's force policy, a Care Action Plan (CAP) referral is made for every child that is reported missing after every missing episode.
10. See exemption above.