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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016827/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

As a freedom of information request, please provide:

- 1) For each month from January 2019 up until the most recent available at the point of production, the number of hate crimes recorded, split by strand (such as: Race, Religion, Sexual Orientation, Disability, Transgender Identity)*
- 2) For each month from January 2019 up until the most recent available at the point of production, the number of religious hate crimes recorded, split by perceived religion of the victim*
- 3) For each month from January 2019 up until the most recent available at the point of production, the number of religious hate crimes recorded, split by perceived religion of the victim and offence group (such as: Criminal damage and arson, Drug offences, Miscellaneous crimes against society, Possession of weapons offences, Public order offences, Robbery, Sexual offences, Theft offences, Violence against the person)*

Result of Searches

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When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, to provide you - the applicant - with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The requested information is exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means**. GMP publish our hate crime statistics on our website. The information you have requested in questions 1 and 2 can be found here.

Question 3 is not exempt. Please see the attached spreadsheet. This information is subject to the following caveats:

In July 2019, GMP implemented one of the largest IT infrastructure changes in UK policing. The systems are in continual development and the data provided for this request is what the systems currently hold.

This data contains crimes with a created date between '01/01/2019' and '30/04/2026' where the hate crime flag is 'Y', excluding cancelled crimes and crimes classified as non-counting fraud. Further information about cancelled crimes can be obtained from the Home Office Counting Rules. Details regarding fraud crime can be obtained by contacting the NFIB.

We are aware of an issue with our crime recording system affecting some older crimes with some crime flags. This issue caused flags to be lost i.e. change from Yes to blank incorrectly during the 2019 IT upgrade process. The following flags are affected:

- Hate crime flag

Analysis has suggested that actual hate crimes may be higher than the numbers flagged. This appears to be owing to inconsistency in the use of hate crime flags and qualifiers on the recording system. As such we would advise caution in interpreting the level of hate crime reported. We are reassured that all crimes are being recorded, but some may not be flagged as hate which may affect counts and any analysis conducted on this data.