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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016890/H.

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Can you please provide the following information for each calendar year from 2016 to 2025 (and if data for 2026 is available up to the point of this email):

1. The number of sexual offences recorded by your force where the victim was under the age of 18 and the alleged perpetrator was identified as a sports coach, sports instructor, or an adult working in a sporting capacity.

2. A breakdown of those figures by the type of offence, where possible (e.g. rape, sexual assault, other sexual offences).

3. If recorded, the age range of victims at the time of the offence (e.g. under 13, 13 to 15, 16 to 17).

If your force does not record the occupational data for alleged perpetrators in a way that allows this specific breakdown, can you let me know and advise me what related data, if any, is held?

I understand that some data may be exempt under section 40 (personal information) or section 31 (law enforcement) of the Act, and I only ask if that information could be redacted rather than my request being refused in full.

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.

GMP would be unable to advise if we hold any information regarding if ***the alleged perpetrator was identified as a sports coach, sports instructor, or an adult working in a sporting capacity*** without carrying out a review manually of any completed search results. We have carried out a soft search for the years 2024 and 2025, filtering the crime type to 'Rape' and 'Other Sexual Offences'. We then applied a keyword search of the MO for the following words: 'Coach', 'Trainer', 'Manager' & 'Sports'. This revealed a total of 349 crimes located, however, this would then require me to complete a manual trawl of the MO to establish whether the offence was committed by the coach/trainer, or if they are mentioned as they reported the offence, or alternatively to see if it does relate to a sports coach, instead of 'coach' being referred to as a method of transport. At a conservative rate of 5 minutes per each review, it would take in the region of 29hrs to complete the 2 years mentioned, and would only add additional time for the remaining years being asked.

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 reduced time frame. 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.