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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016923/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the following information relating to girls and boys aged 16 and under who were homicide victims recorded by your force between 1 January 2018 and the most recent date available in 2026.

Please provide annual totals for:

- 1. Girls aged 16 and under killed, broken down by:***
 - suspect sex (male/female/unknown)***
 - relationship between victim and suspect, where recorded***
 - broad cause or method of killing***
- 2. Boys aged 16 and under killed, broken down by:***
 - suspect sex (male/female/unknown)***
 - relationship between victim and suspect, where recorded***
 - broad cause or method of killing***

For relationship categories, where recorded, please use broad groupings such as:

- Parent***
- Step-parent***
- Family member***
- Acquaintance***
- Stranger***
- Unknown / not recorded***

For cause/method categories, where recorded, please use broad groupings such as:

- Sharp instrument***

- **Blunt force**
- **Strangulation/suffocation**
- **Shooting**
- **Neglect**
- **Other**
- **Unknown**

Please also separately identify:

- **the number of girls aged 16 and under killed by a male suspect.**

CLARIFICATION

Just to clarify my earlier FOI request regarding homicide victims aged 16 and under.

If possible, please break down the figures for male and female child suicides into the following age groups:

- **0–5**
- **6–13**
- **14–16**

Alternatively, if simpler for your systems, please provide the exact age of the victim at the time of death.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Victim Breakdown

Year	Male	Female
2017/18	0	2
2018/19	2	3
2019/20	1	3
2020/21	4	1
2021/22	4	1
2022/23	2	1
2023/24	1	1
2024/25	0	2
2025/26	3	0

Year	0 – 5	6 – 13	14 – 16
2017/18	0	2	0
2018/19	1	4	0
2019/20	3	1	0
2020/21	4	0	1
2021/22	2	0	3
2022/23	2	0	1
2023/24	1	0	1
2024/25	1	1	0
2025/26	0	0	3

Suspect Breakdown

Year	Male	Female	Unknown
2017/18	1	1	1

2018/19	2	3	0
2019/20	3	1	0
2020/21	2	2	1
2021/22	3	1	1
2022/23	2	1	0
2023/24	1	1	0
2024/25	0	2	0
2025/26	3	0	0

Due to low numbers the relationship and method have been merged together as by providing all this information split by year as you have requested would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By merging this data it can be provided in its entirety.

Relationship between victim/suspect	Total
Parent/Step parent	12
Childminder	1
Victim in care of offender	1
Carer	1
Criminal Associate	2
Father/Son	1
Friend/Acquaintance	5
No Suspect or Suspect Not Charged	3
Son/Daughter	2
Stranger	1

Method	Total
Arson	1
Asphyxiation	1
Assault	1
Baby Shaking / Battering	5
Carbon Monoxide	1
Drowning	2
Drug Overdose	1
Head Injuries	1
Medical Neglect	1
Neglect/Negligence	1
Poisoning	2
Sharp Instrument	9
Struck by Motor Vehicle	2
Unknown	3

The total number of female victims aged under 16 where the suspect is male is 5.
