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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/017044/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Thank you for your response. Please can you proceed with the pared down response below which omits questions 3 and 4:

Please provide the following information for the latest five reporting years (or, if cost exemptions prohibit it, the latest 12-month reporting period for which data is available):

1. The number of individuals recorded as suspects against offences flagged as involving child sexual exploitation (CSE).

2. Of those individuals in Q1:

A) the number for whom checks were carried out against international policing databases (Interpol, Europol or other relevant international databases).

B) The number for whom such checks resulted in a positive match indicating that they were already recorded on such systems in connection with criminality or policing intelligence.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. However, GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf.

For question 2 of this request, GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold the information relating to your request. The search/review would involve a manual trawl of each individuals record to establish if checks have been conducted against international policing databases. Any data held once the review was conducted may not be accurate to provide under the FOIA. Due to level of work required, to confirm whether the information is held would take over 18 hours.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with the removal of question 2. 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 exceed (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.

Caveats:

1. The data provided for this request is based on a search of all crimes recorded with a CSE Flag between 01/04/2021 to 30/04/2026 inclusive. The data has been displayed by financial year for volumes.
2. Duplicates have been removed where possible.
3. Please note the date is based on the 'Crime Recorded' date and not when the Incident occurred.
4. The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/ or updated.

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.

Year	Total
2021/ 2022	1,172
2022/ 2023	1,349
2023/ 2024	1,066
2024/ 2025	1,084
2025/ 2026	753
Total	5,424