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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017102/A

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/06/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1) The number of deaths of women referred by the force to be considered for domestic homicide reviews/domestic abuse related death reviews in 2025***
- 2) How many of the referrals identified in response to question 1 resulted in the review process being undertaken and how many did not***

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.

In response to both questions, GMP have recorded 5 referrals leading to 5 reviews in 2025.

Please note –

Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) governance ensures that multi-agency referrals for fatal domestic abuse are handled transparently, fairly, and in accordance with statutory frameworks. It mandates how local agencies, police, and partnerships commission, manage, and implement the findings of these reviews.

The DHR Governance & Referral Process

When a domestic-related death occurs, specific governance structures dictate how the case is reviewed:

- **Initial Referral:** Local agencies (such as police or health trusts) must immediately notify the chair of the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) when a death meets the DHR criteria. [\[1, 2\]](#)
- **Statutory Framework:** Governance is firmly rooted in the [Domestic Abuse Act 2021](#). It is officially managed according to [Multi-agency Statutory Guidance](#). [\[1, 2\]](#)

- **Review Panel:** The CSP sets up an independent review panel comprising representatives from health, social care, police, and domestic abuse charities (such as IDVAs). [\[1, 2, 3\]](#)
- **Quality Assurance:** Final reports are submitted to a regional or national quality assurance board to ensure the review meets high-quality, victim-centered standards before publication