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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016278/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the FOI Act 2000, please provide the following information.

- 1. How many reports have been made to your police force of sexual assaults which are alleged to have taken place in hospitals in your area since January 1st 2023?*
- 2. How many reports have been made of rape which are alleged to have taken place at hospitals in your area since January 1st 2023?*
- 3. How many people have been charged with sexual assault/rape re. 1 and 2 above?*

Result of Searches

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

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all rape and other sexual offence crimes to see which are relevant to your request. Even performing a keyword search on the modus operandi (MO) of the crime would not be feasible.

A search of crime records shows that there are 909 rape and sexual assault crimes where the word "Hospital" appears in the MO. These would need a manual review to determine which took place in a hospital. The MO keyword search would not eliminate MOs where phrases

such as “taken to Hospital”, “historic case reported in hospital”, “disclosed-reported to hospital” appear.

At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 76 hours to ascertain the data required. Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours’ work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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. If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

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 that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. 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.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.