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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016389/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting access to the following information:

1. *How many reports of marital rape did your force receive for the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?*
2. *How many reports of rape in domestic settings did your force receive for the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?*
3. *How many reports of sexual assault in domestic settings did your force receive for the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?*
4. *How many reports of rape by a partner or ex partner in domestic settings did your force receive for the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?*
5. *How many reports of marital rape did your force receive from January 2025 - January 2026?*
6. *How many reports of rape in domestic settings did your force receive from January 2025 - January 2026?*
7. *How many people were charged with marital rape for the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?*
8. *How many people were charged with rape related to a spouse or partner or the calendar year of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025?*

I would prefer to receive the information in an email response including the figures. I do not have a preference on format, just whatever is easiest for the team.

If some questions cannot be answered, please leave those blank with responses for others that can be.

If all questions are too broad then please provide guidance on how best I can refine my request.

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. As there is no specific offence of “marital rape”, to provide the data requested in question 1 would involve a manual search of all rape crimes recorded to see if the offender and victim are or were married. GMP assign categories to rape crimes based on the relationship between the parties, but “marital” is not one of these categories. Rape crimes between married people may be assigned to one of the following categories:

- Partner: Heterosexual Partnership,
- Partner: Non-Heterosexual Partnership,
- Partner: Partnership not known,
- Ex-Partner: Heterosexual Partnership,
- *Ex-Partner: Non-Heterosexual Partnership*
- *Other Sexual Relationship*

These categories would include marriages, but also partners who are not married. A search of rape crimes recorded and assigned to the above categories shows that there are 3,801 crimes that would have to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 316 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.