

Date: 18th February 2026
Our ref: FOI/26/016321/F

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016321/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

With regard to the recording of crime data relating to suspects, offenders, witnesses and victims, please provide:

- 1. Clarification of which of the following characteristics you record:***
 - a. Sex***
 - b. Gender***
 - c. Gender identity***
 - d. Gender reassignment***
- 2. Include the definitions of the above categories at a-d currently used by your force.***
- 3. Provide your policy guidelines for the categories that you record.***
- 4. Clarify on what basis the recording of sex is based. If based upon self definition by the person concerned only, please specify this. If any other factor applies, please specify this.***
- 5. Provide a copy of any communication to your staff regarding the implementation and application of this policy/guidance.***
- 6. With specific regard to the recording of crime data in relation to rape offences, specify on what basis the sex of the offender is recorded. For clarity, if recorded on the basis of self definition by the alleged offender, please specify this.***
- 7. Provide your crime data for rapes reported Jan 2025-Jan 2026 to include number of rapes reported, total number of offenders recorded, breakdown of offenders by sex.***

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.

Q1a – No option in GMP's records management system.

Q1b – Options available: Male, Female and Unknown.

Q1c – No option in GMP's records management system.

Q1d – No option in GMP's records management system.

Question 2 and 3 – Not applicable.

Question 4 – Sex is not recorded in GMP's records management system. Gender is captured and is based on self determination by the person in the first instance but in the absence of self determination reasonable assumption is applied to assist with categorisation of gender based offences.

Question 5 – No information held. The above would be broadly covered by initial training and mentoring of staff.

Question 6 – Sex is not recorded in GMP's records management system.

Question 7

Caveats:

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.

1. The crime grand total is all the crimes recorded using the HO Codes detailed below, for the date period of 1st January 2025 - 31st January 2026.
2. 'Unknown' refers to where the gender field on our data system has either been inputted as unknown or has a missing/invalid value.
3. Please note that the number of crimes doesn't specifically equal the number of individual offenders, as one offender may be listed multiple times for multiple different offences.

Full HO Code
019/07
019/08
019/09
019/10
019/11
019/12
019/13
019/14
019/16
019/17
019/18
019/19

Offender Gender	Number of Crimes
Male	3,437
Female	12
Unknown	3
Total	3,452