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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016628/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 26/03/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information in relation to the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (commonly known as Clare's Law):

1. Applications received

Please provide the total number of Clare's Law applications received in the following calendar years:

2023
2024
2025

2. Outcomes of applications

For each of the above years, please provide:

- a) The number of applications that resulted in a disclosure being made*
- b) The number of applications that did not result in a disclosure*

If available, please also include the number of applications withdrawn or not progressed.

3. Nature of offences disclosed

For the most recent ten cases in 2025 where a disclosure was made, please provide:

a) The primary offence disclosed in each case

b) Please ensure all responses are fully anonymised and redacted to avoid identifying individuals. A brief description of the offence type (for example, "assault occasioning actual bodily harm", "coercive and controlling behaviour") is sufficient.

4. Repeat offenders

a) Please provide the number of disclosures (for each year listed above, if available) where the subject of the disclosure had:

More than one recorded domestic abuse-related offence or incident

If your systems do not allow this exact breakdown, please provide the closest available equivalent measure and explain any limitations.

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 in question 3 would involve a manual search of all disclosures. Not all Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) disclosures will have a crime attached, and even in cases where there is a crime attached, we cannot confirm if this offence is in relation to the DVDS disclosure or if it is an unrelated offence without a manual review.

A search of our records show that there are 6,378 disclosures 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 531 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.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

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.

Please note that the 2023 & 2024 figures were manually obtained from individual Districts trackers, and the 2025 data was from a download from our crime recording system, which was then filtered to show all those including the 'Domestic Abuse Disclosure Scheme' flag. This is due to the 2023/2024 disclosure figures not being as accurate on the download as the other two requested years.

'Repeat Offenders' was found by identifying all the duplicate perpetrators in the recorded DVDS data for each year, then removing the duplicates from that data set. Please note repeat offenders was calculated this way for all years, as it wasn't possible to identify this from the trackers the number of applications/disclosures was obtained from for 2023/2024. So this may not be a true reflection of repeat offenders compared to the number of applications received.

Please note these figures are based on the recorded date not the disclosure date.

The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/ or updated.

Number of Applications received

Year	Applications Received
2023	3290
2024	3995
2025	6804

Outcomes of Applications received

Year	Disclosures made	Disclosures not made
2023	1238	1636
2024	2025	1785
2025	3115	1915

Repeat Offenders

Year	Repeat Offenders
2023	20
2024	62
2025	194