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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016672/Z**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 05/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***I am requesting data regarding reported breaches of protective orders related to domestic abuse and harassment. Please could you provide the following information for the last three complete calendar years (2023, 2024, and 2025), broken down by each individual year:***

***1. Total Reported Breaches The total number of reported crimes/incidents recorded for the breach of:***

- ***a) Restraining Orders***
- ***b) Non-Molestation Orders***
- ***c) Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs)***
- ***d) Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs)***

***2. Outcomes of Breaches For each of the four categories above, please provide a breakdown of the outcomes for those recorded breaches, specifically:***

- ***a) The number of breaches that resulted in an arrest.***
- ***b) The number of breaches that resulted in a charge/summons (Home Office Outcome Code 1).***
- ***c) The number of breaches that were closed with "No Further Action" (specifically, Home Office Outcome Codes 14, 15, and 16 relating to evidential difficulties).***

***Section 12 (Cost Limit) Mitigation: I understand that extracting arrest data specifically may require cross-referencing custody and crime systems. If determining the number of arrests triggers the cost limit under***

**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.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

In relation to question 2, GMP would be unable to provide the outcomes required for DVPO's due to how this information is recorded within our legal departments systems. A manual review off all records would have to be trawled through to allow for the extraction and this would not be completed within the 18hrs permitted due to the scale of the review.

Therefore, as per **Section 12(1)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is 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.

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 attempt to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need revising with the removal of the outcomes for DVPO's. However, 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.

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

**Please see below.**

#### 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.

- The total number of recorded crimes is all the crimes counted based on the HO codes for the calendar year (January 1st - December 31st) of the years listed.

The HO Codes are.

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| <b>008/31</b> |
| <b>066/38</b> |
| <b>066/39</b> |
| <b>068/19</b> |

- Please note the data is based on the date the crime was recorded, not the date the crime was committed.
- Please note DAPO's were not introduced until Dec-24, hence the reason there is no data for 2023 and minimal numbers for 2024. All districts converted from DVPO's to DAPO's in Nov-25. Between the two dates there was a mixture of districts working with DVPO's & DAPO's.
- The data provided for this request is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.
- Please note the breaches of DVPO were taken from a manual tracker and not by a search of HO code.

#### Question 1.

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Restraining Order</b> | <b>Non-Molestation Orders</b> | <b>DAPO's</b> | <b>DVPO's</b> |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>2023</b> | 929                      | 821                           | 0             | 189           |

|      |      |     |     |     |
|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 2024 | 857  | 637 | 7   | 198 |
| 2025 | 1019 | 578 | 507 | 181 |

Question 2.

***Breach of Restraining Order***

| Outcome                                                           | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Charge (1A)                                                       | 568  | 558  | 683  |
| Charged Alternative Offence (1C)                                  | 2    | 2    | 7    |
| Decision Pending (98)                                             | 2    | 6    | 20   |
| Eliminated (99A)                                                  | 6    |      |      |
| Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14) | 4    |      | 1    |
| Further Invest Not in Public Interest (Pol) (21)                  | 4    | 7    | 2    |
| Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)               | 14   | 3    | 1    |
| Locate Trace (15E)                                                |      | 1    |      |
| Missing Value                                                     | 1    |      |      |
| Named Suspect Too Ill (12)                                        | 1    | 1    |      |
| Not In Public Interest (Cps) (9)                                  | 1    |      |      |
| Offender Has Died (5)                                             | 2    |      | 1    |
| Outcome 20 - Referred to Other Agency (96)                        | 4    |      |      |
| Prosecution Not in Public Interest (Pol) (10)                     | 1    | 2    | 10   |
| Refer To Pnc (15D)                                                |      |      | 8    |
| Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)                | 25   | 22   | 26   |
| Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)             | 239  | 219  | 223  |
| Suspect Identified-Insufficient Other (15C)                       | 9    | 2    | 3    |
| Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)                   | 46   | 34   | 34   |

***Breach of Non-Molestation Order***

| Outcomes                                                          | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Adult Caution (3A)                                                | 2    | 2    |      |
| Charge (1A)                                                       | 347  | 235  | 223  |
| Charged Alternative Offence (1C)                                  | 8    | 2    | 4    |
| Decision Pending (98)                                             | 1    | 12   | 39   |
| Eliminated (99A)                                                  | 3    |      |      |
| Evidential Difficulties Victim Based - No Suspect Identified (14) | 4    |      |      |
| Further Invest Not in Public Interest (Pol) (21)                  | 2    | 3    | 2    |
| Investigation Complete - No Suspect Identified (18)               | 10   | 1    |      |
| Locate Trace (15E)                                                |      |      | 1    |
| Missing Value                                                     | 1    |      |      |
| Not In Public Interest (Cps) (9)                                  | 2    | 4    | 1    |
| Offender Has Died (5)                                             | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Outcome 20 - Referred to Other Agency (96)                        | 4    |      |      |
| Prosecution Not in Public Interest (Pol) (10)                     | 1    | 4    | 2    |
| Refer To Pnc (15D)                                                |      | 3    | 13   |

|                                                              |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>Summons (1B)</b>                                          | 2   |     |     |
| <b>Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)</b>    | 51  | 31  | 18  |
| <b>Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)</b> | 313 | 289 | 262 |
| <b>Suspect Identified-Insufficient Other (15C)</b>           | 10  | 4   |     |
| <b>Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)</b>       | 57  | 46  | 12  |
| <b>Tic - Master Crime Not Gmp (4B)</b>                       | 2   |     |     |

***Breach of DAPO***

| <b>Outcome</b>                                               | <b>2024</b> | <b>2025</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Charge (1A)</b>                                           | 5           | 364         |
| <b>Charged Alternative Offence (1C)</b>                      |             | 2           |
| <b>Decision Pending (98)</b>                                 |             | 3           |
| <b>Missing Value</b>                                         |             | 2           |
| <b>Offender Has Died (5)</b>                                 |             | 1           |
| <b>Prosecution Not in Public Interest (Pol) (10)</b>         |             | 1           |
| <b>Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence CPS (15A)</b>    | 1           | 16          |
| <b>Suspect Identified-Insufficient Evidence Police (15B)</b> | 1           | 107         |
| <b>Suspect Identified-Victim Does not Support (16)</b>       |             | 11          |

**For the DVPO Arrests please see the below figures**

- 2023 27 Arrests for Breach of a DVPO
- 2024 37 Arrests for Breach of a DVPO
- 2025 62 Arrests for Breach of a DVPO