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I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/04/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information regarding the management of violence against women and girls (VAWG) high-harm offenders within your force - specifically, but not exclusively, in relation to Offender Management Units (OMUs) that specialise in, or focus on, high-harm offenders.

For the purposes of this request, "high-harm" refers to offenders who pose a risk of serious interpersonal or violent harm, including sexual offences, violent crimes, and other offences with a high impact on female victims.

Factors Considered at Referral to High-Harm OMUs:

- Which static or historical factors (e.g., prior convictions, demographic characteristics, offence history) are routinely considered when deciding whether an offender is managed - within a high-harm OMU or elsewhere within the force?***
- Are any behavioural or dynamic indicators (e.g., escalation patterns, substance misuse, relationship breakdown) formally used to inform this decision? If yes, please specify which indicators.***

Decision-Making Frameworks and Tools:

- Are structured tools, guidance documents, or panel frameworks used to assess whether an offender should be managed within a high-harm OMU?***

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 not held by GMP.

GMP do not currently have a high harm offender management unit or a system to management RASSO or VAWG offenders. A system is currently in development.