Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data
Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017517/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Subject: Freedom of Information Act 2000 — Police-Perpetrated Domestic Abuse Records, 1980–2026
Dear Greater Manchester Police Information Access Unit,
I make this request under sections 1, 10 and 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
1. Scope
For each calendar year from 1 January 1980 to the date of this request, please provide the recorded annual totals concerning domestic-abuse reports or allegations involving serving or former GMP:

- *police officers;*
- *special constables;*
- *PCSOs; and*
- *police staff.*

2. Information requested
For each year, please provide:

1. *Number of reports, allegations, complaints and conduct cases.*
2. *Number of individual officers or staff concerned.*
3. *Rank or staff category, presented anonymously.*
4. *Serving status: serving, suspended, restricted, resigned, retired or dismissed.*
5. *Number arrested, charged, prosecuted, convicted and sentenced.*
6. *Offence categories and sentencing outcomes.*
7. *Number subjected to misconduct investigation or proceedings.*
8. *Misconduct findings and sanctions.*
9. *Dismissals and findings that the person "would have been dismissed."*
10. *Cases involving repeat allegations against the same individual.*
11. *Open, pending and concluded cases.*

12. Number referred to another force, the IOPC or CPS.
13. Outcomes recorded as no further action, no case to answer or not proven.
Please provide anonymised information only. I do not seek victims' names, addresses or other identifying information.
3. Existing records and datasets
Please provide copies of existing:
- *spreadsheets, database exports and statistical reports;*
- *Professional Standards reports;*
- *misconduct outcome schedules;*
- *PPDA monitoring reports;*
- *audit reports and management information;*
- *historic registers or annual returns; and*
- *reports supplied to the Home Office, IOPC, HMICFRS, NPCC or Greater Manchester policing bodies.*

I am requesting information already held. I am not requiring GMP to create a new document or undertake fresh statistical analysis.
4. Missing or unavailable years
For every year for which figures cannot be supplied, please state separately whether:
- *no relevant information is held;*
- *domestic abuse was not separately classified;*
- *records exist but cannot be electronically searched;*
- *records were destroyed;*
- *records were transferred to an archive or another authority; or*
- *records are held only in paper or legacy systems.*

Please identify any archive or authority to which records were transferred.
5. Recording systems and retention
Please provide:
- *the names and operating dates of relevant complaint, crime and Professional Standards systems;*
- *the date GMP introduced a searchable domestic-abuse marker;*
- *search terms and methodology ordinarily used to identify PPDA cases;*
- *applicable retention and destruction policies;*
- *destruction schedules or disposal authorities; and*
- *historic definitions used for "domestic violence," "domestic abuse" and PPDA.*

6. Section 12 and staged disclosure
GMP has previously stated that its pre-2020 Professional Standards system did not permit domestic-abuse cases to be flagged and that reviewing potentially relevant cases could exceed the statutory cost limit. [gmp.police.uk]
Accordingly, if GMP considers the complete request to exceed the limit under section 12 FOIA, please:
1. disclose all information retrievable within the limit;
2. provide the complete electronically retrievable information from 2020 onward;
3. disclose existing historic reports, registers and datasets without manually reconstructing them;
4. supply a reasoned cost calculation;
5. identify the number and location of records requiring manual review; and
6. provide advice under section 16 FOIA explaining how the historic request can be refined.
The ICO states that a section 12 estimate should be sensible and realistic, and authorities must consider their duty to provide advice and assistance. [ico.org.uk], [cy.ico.org.uk]
7. Refusal or redaction

If any information is withheld, please provide a section 17 refusal notice identifying:

- *the precise exemption;*
- *the information or category withheld;*
- *the reasons the exemption applies;*
- *any prejudice and public-interest assessment required; and*
- *internal-review and ICO complaint rights.*

8. Format

Please supply the information in Excel or CSV format, with one row for each year and separate columns for each requested category.

This request seeks accurate public-interest information concerning police accountability, institutional integrity, safeguarding and public confidence.

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 relating to matters prior to 2020 would involve a manual search of all Professional Standards records recorded before 2020, as the system used to record Professional Standards matters at the time does not store the information you have requested in a easily searchable format.

A search of our Professional Standards records shows that there are over 800 records that predate 2020 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 67 hours to ascertain the data required. This would be only for the records prior to 2020, further searches would be needed for records after 2020, which would further increase the time needed to collate the information. 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. 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.