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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017625/W

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding violence against women and girls across the City of Salford.

- ***The purpose of this request is to better understand the prevalence, geographical distribution and trends in serious sexual and domestic offences across Salford, including how Eccles and surrounding communities compare with the wider city.***

- ***Geographical breakdown***
- ***Please provide the requested information for the Salford local authority area as a whole and, where the information is held in a readily retrievable format, broken down by individual electoral ward.***

- ***Where Greater Manchester Police records geographical information by policing neighbourhood, beat or another geographical boundary rather than electoral ward, please provide the information using the smallest geographical areas readily available and identify the geographical areas used.***

- ***I am particularly interested in being able to separately identify Eccles and Barton & Winton, so I would be grateful if these areas could be separately identifiable within the information supplied wherever possible.***

Time period
Please provide the information separately for each calendar year 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, together with 2026 year-to-date. Please do not combine the years into a single total, as part of the purpose of this request is to establish whether recorded offending has increased or decreased.

Offence categories

1. ***Rape***
2. ***Other sexual offences***
3. ***Domestic-abuse-related crime***
4. ***Stalking***
5. ***Harassment***
6. ***Controlling or coercive behaviour***

- ***Where possible, please provide rape separately from other sexual offences rather than combining these into a general 'violence and sexual offences' category.***

Victim information

For each of the above categories, where recorded and readily retrievable, please also provide:

1. ***The number of victims recorded as female.***
2. ***The number of female victims recorded as under 18.***
3. ***J. The number of female victims recorded as 18 or over.***

- ***Where readily available, the number of victims recorded as male or another/unknown sex, so that the female figures can be understood in context.***

- ***For rape and other sexual offences in particular, I would be grateful if the figures could distinguish between adult and child victims. I am requesting aggregated statistical information only and do not require any information capable of identifying an individual victim.***

Suspect information and ethnicity

For each offence category, please also provide, where recorded and readily retrievable, the number of suspects and their recorded ethnicity.

Please use the ethnicity categories ordinarily used by Greater Manchester Police and, where possible, distinguish between:

1. ***White***
2. ***Asian or Asian British***
3. ***Black, African, Caribbean or Black British***
4. ***Mixed or multiple ethnic groups***
5. ***Other ethnic group***
6. ***Unknown/not stated/not recorded***

- ***If Greater Manchester Police holds more detailed ethnicity categories, I would be happy to receive those instead.***
- ***Where possible, please identify whether the ethnicity information provided represents self-defined ethnicity or officer-defined/visual ethnicity, or provide both if they are held separately and can readily be extracted.***
- ***Please also provide the number of suspects whose ethnicity was unknown, not stated or not recorded. This is important so that percentages calculated from the information are not distorted by excluding suspects for whom ethnicity is unavailable.***

- ***I am requesting aggregated statistical information only. I do not require names, addresses or any other information capable of identifying individual suspects, victims or cases.***
- ***Where small numbers create a risk of identifying an individual, I would be happy for those figures to be suppressed, grouped or shown as '<5>', rather than for the wider dataset to be withheld.***

Criminal justice outcomes

For each offence category, where readily available, please provide the number of offences resulting in:

1. ***A suspect being charged or summonsed.***
2. ***No further action/no suspect charged.***

3. ***Evidential difficulties.***
4. ***The victim not supporting or withdrawing support for further action.***
5. ***The investigation remaining ongoing, where applicable.***

- ***If Greater Manchester Police uses different standard outcome classifications, please provide the information using the categories held on your system rather than manually reclassifying the records.***

Comparisons

1. ***If readily available, I would also appreciate a Salford-wide total alongside the geographical breakdown so that individual areas can be compared with Salford as a whole.***

I am not asking Greater Manchester Police to calculate population-based crime rates if these are not already held. Raw recorded figures are sufficient.

Cost limit and priority information
I appreciate that this request covers several years and categories. If complying with the entire request would exceed the appropriate cost limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please do not reject the entire request without considering whether a reduced dataset can be supplied.

In that situation, please prioritise the following:

2. ***Rape***
3. ***Other sexual offences***
4. ***Domestic-abuse-related crime***
5. ***For those three categories, my priority information is:***
6. ***Annual totals for Salford.***
7. ***Geographical breakdown across Salford where readily available.***
8. ***Separate identification of Eccles and Barton & Winton where possible.***
9. ***Number of female victims.***
10. ***Adult/child victim breakdown.***
11. ***Recorded ethnicity of suspects, including unknown/not recorded.***
12. ***Number of suspects charged or summonsed.***

- ***If even this reduced dataset would exceed the cost limit, please prioritise Salford-wide totals together with separate figures for Eccles and Barton & Winton.***

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.

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. This data is all recorded crimes from the 1st January to 31st December for each year specified, this is excluding 2026 which is the period 1st January to 10th September.

2. See below to see how the crimes were filtered for each offence type:

- Rape - Any Crimes where 'Rape' was selected in Crime Tree Level Four
- Other Sexual Offences - Any Crimes where 'Other Sexual Offences' was selected in Crime Tree Level Four
- DA - Any Crime with a 'DV Flag' attached to it.
- Stalking - Any Crimes where 'Stalking and Harassment' was selected in Crime Tree Level Four, AND the word 'Stalking' was contained in the HO Level Offence.

- Harassment - Any Crimes where 'Stalking and Harassment' was selected in Crime Tree Level Four, AND the word 'Harassment' was contained in the HO Level Offence.
- CCB - Any Crime where 'Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate / family relationship' was selected in the HO Level Offence.

3. Please note the data is based on the date the crime was recorded, not the date the crime was committed.

4. 'Unknown' to any crimes where there was either a missing value, 'Unknown' or 'not recorded/not know' in the specified field.

5. Please note the number of recorded crimes each year will be equal to the total number of victims, this is because a crime is recorded for each victim of an offence, however multiple offenders can be attached to the same crime.

This is why there are a larger number of
offenders than victims in each data set. Similarly, there will be one outcome per offender rather than per crime, so the number of outcomes matches the number of offenders, rather than the number of crimes.

6. Duplicates have been removed where possible.

7. Please note this data is subject to change as crimes are progressed and/or updated.

PLEASE NOTE: -

Due to some low results, the totals per beat have been provided however the breakdown totals per beat have been provided as an overall total for all beats, as by providing all this information split by individual beat and breakdown would significantly increase the likelihood of identifying the individual(s) concerned, and as such the exemption under S40(2) – Personal Information, would be engaged and result in information being refused. By replacing the data this way, it can be provided in its entirety.

Please see the attached redacted document.