Information Access Unit
Information Management and Data
Directorate

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017671/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Thank you for your response and for confirming that GMP holds the underlying information, but that the relationship between victim and suspect cannot be identified through a searchable field and would therefore require manual review.
I am happy to refine my request in accordance with the advice provided under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
To substantially reduce the number of records requiring manual review, I would like to revise my request as follows:
Time period
Please provide information for the three complete calendar years:
- *2023*
- *2024*
- *2025*

Age
Please limit the information to incidents/crimes where the suspect was aged 11–16 inclusive.
I do not require a breakdown by individual age.
Domestic/family-related incidents
As GMP has advised that there is no searchable field identifying the relationship between victim and suspect, could you please establish whether GMP has an existing domestic incident, domestic/family-related, family violence or equivalent classification or flag that can be used to identify incidents involving suspects aged 11–16.
I appreciate that statutory domestic abuse has a specific legal definition. I am referring here to any GMP recording category or classification used to identify domestic, family or household-related incidents, rather than asking GMP to apply the statutory definition of domestic abuse to children under 16.
For each of 2023, 2024 and 2025, please provide:

1. The total number of recorded incidents/crimes involving a suspect aged 11–16 that were recorded under any such domestic/family-related classification.
2. Where available, the recorded police action or outcome/disposal, including:

- *arrest;*
- *charge;*
- *caution/youth caution;*
- *community resolution;*
- *no further action; and*
- *other recorded outcome/disposal.*

If GMP does not have a searchable domestic/family-related classification that can be used for this purpose, please confirm this and advise whether there is another existing searchable field, flag or classification that could substantially reduce the number of records requiring manual review.
I am seeking aggregate statistical information only and do not require names, addresses, crime reference numbers or any other personal information capable of identifying individuals.
If this revised request remains above the appropriate cost limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide advice under Section 16 on the narrowest further refinement that would allow GMP to provide the statistics.

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 would involve a manual search of all crimes with a domestic abuse flag to establish if they are relevant to your request.

A search of our crime records shows that there are 2,529 records 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 211 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. 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.