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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017725/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide the following information relating to breaches of non-molestation orders recorded by your force between 1 January 2022 and 2026 to date.

1.

For each calendar year (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 to date), please provide:

- ***The number of recorded allegations/reports of non-molestation order breaches.***
- ***The number of arrests related to those alleged breaches.***

2.

Where recorded, please provide a breakdown of the method of the alleged breach, including:

- ***In-person contact***
- ***Telephone calls***
- ***Text or messaging services***
- ***Email***
- ***Social media contact***
- ***Online posts or content relating to the protected person***
- ***Use of tracking devices or technology***
- ***Any other category used by the force***

3.

Where recorded, please provide a demographic breakdown of alleged non-molestation order breaches, including:

- ***Sex of the victim***
- ***Sex of the suspect/offender***
- ***Age of the victim (or age bands used by the force)***
- ***Age of the suspect/offender (or age bands used by the force)***

If this information cannot be provided for all years, please provide it for the most recent year available.

If any part of this request is likely to exceed the appropriate cost limit, please prioritise Questions 1 and 2. If further refinement is required, I would be grateful if you could advise how the request may be narrowed.

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

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

To respond to Question 2 of this FOI request, GMP would be required to manually review the MO recorded for each identified breach in order to determine the method of the alleged breach. This information is not held in a format that allows it to be readily extracted. Searches have identified in excess of 2,200 records, and a manual review of each record would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act.

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.

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 a reduced time frame. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.