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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017749/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/09/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please could you tell me under the FOI Act 2000:

1. In the years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 (please give separate totals for each year):

a) The number of criminal investigations opened in this period by your police force into individuals on suspicion of manslaughter where the suspected victim of that individual had committed suicide

b) Of these investigations, the number where the individual in question had a romantic relationship with the victim at any point

c) Of the investigations given in answer (a), the number where the individual had a history of domestic abuse that was already known to police by the time of the suicide

For context, I am trying to find out whether your police force has increased the number of criminal investigations into potential manslaughter in domestic abuse cases where the victim of the abuser takes their own life, as in 2025 the NPCC said police forces would be making a concerted effort to do so. See relevant article here: https://www.theguardian.com/society/2025/mar/25/uk-police-to-charge-more-abusers-with-manslaughter-after-suicide-of-partner

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.

However, I am not obliged to supply all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Due to low results located, this FOI is exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** –Some information you have requested constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual/s, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.