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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017348/U

I write in connection with your request for information dated 31/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am making this Freedom of Information Request as part of my Research Project for my MSc Investigative Forensic Psychology degree at [REDACTED] University, titled:

A Thematic Content Analysis of UK Police Officers and Staff Convicted of Specified Serious Offences under Schedule 15 Criminal Justice Act (2003).

My Research Project is focused on child sex offenders. The term "child sexual offence" would include any sexual offence involving or perpetrated against a child (under 18), including contact and non-contact offences (such as Indecent Images of Children). It would also include any offence committed to facilitate a child sexual offence, such as kidnapping.

Please can you provide me with the following information:

- 1. Since 2016, how many police officers and police staff (including PCSOs and Special Constables) have been convicted of a child sexual offence? Please can you provide both lists.*
- 2. Since 2016, how many police officers and police staff (including PCSOs and Special Constables) have been under investigation as a suspect for a child sexual offence, and what were the finalisation codes (i.e. how many were closed due to evidential difficulties/victim withdrew support/charged/other)?*
- 3. Since 2016, how many police officers and police staff (including PCSOs and Special Constables) were convicted of a child sexual offence across each month and year?*
- 4. Since 2016, how many police officers and police staff (including PCSOs and Special Constables) were investigated for any criminal offence, had no further action taken, but were later convicted of a child sexual offence?*

5. *Please can you provide me the basic details (name) of any serving or retired police officers and police staff members (including PCSOs and Special Constables) who have been convicted of a child sexual offence since 2016?*
6. *For any specific cases since 2016, is it possible to obtain the body worn video footage of the arrest of any serving or retired police officers and police staff (including PCSOs and Special Constables) who were convicted of a child sexual offence?*

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 in questions 2 & 4 would involve a manual search of all professional standards records to establish if they are relevant to your request.

A search of our professional standards records shows that there are over 400 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 33 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.