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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017541/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/08/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I write to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please acknowledge this request has been received and provide a response within 20 working days. Thank you in advance for your time.

For each of the last five calendar years, plus the current year to date (i.e. from January 1, 2021, to August 31, 2026), please provide information about any reports, incidents, crimes or investigations involving stem cell treatments, stem cell therapies, stem cell injections, stem cell infusions or stem cell transplants being promoted, sold, administered or sought as a treatment or cure for autism or ADHD.

To locate relevant records, please search crime reports, incident logs and any available Modus Operandi, summary or free-text fields for combinations of the following terms: "autism", "autistic" or "ADHD"; and "stem cell" or "stem cells".

For each case, please tell me:

- 1. -The year the matter was recorded***
- 2. -The offence classification or incident type under which it was recorded***
- 3. -A brief summary of the allegation, e.g. summarising whether the case involved a child being taken abroad for stem cell treatment (eg by a parent); stem cell treatment being offered or administered within the UK (eg by a doctor or lay person); or another stem-cell-related autism or ADHD treatment scenario.***
- 4. -The investigation outcome, including whether there was: an arrest; a charge or summons; no further action; or another outcome (please specify where possible).***

In addition, for each case recorded, please provide an anonymised copy of the crime report.

If this is too onerous, please focus on the cases where the investigation resulted in an arrest or charge.

If any part of this request is likely to exceed the cost limit, I would be grateful for advice and assistance under section 16 of the Act as to how the request can be refined.

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

GMP would be unable to provide a response to this request without carrying out a review manually of thousands of records to extract the information you have asked. We do not record the information in relation to crimes with information about any reports, incidents, crimes or investigations involving stem cell treatments, stem cell therapies, stem cell injections, stem cell infusions or stem cell transplants being promoted, sold, administered or sought as a treatment or cure for autism or ADHD in any central location. This would only be obtained via a manual trawl. For the time frame requested, a search has been carried out where any of the following words are contained within the crime description or crime MO description:

- Autism
- Autistic
- ADHD
- Stem cell

This has revealed over 6,000 records and to review each of these would far exceed the 18hrs within the FOIA to respond.

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 timeframe. 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.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.