**From:** ICO Casework <icocasework@ico.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 03 December 2020 15:12  
**To:** Barnie Choudhury <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** IC-48590-X7M8 Your ICO complaints about Greater Manchester Police

3 December 2020  
  
Case Reference: IC-48590-X7M8  
  
Dear Prof Choudhury,  
  
Thank you for your email of 1 December 2020.  
  
I am sorry for the delay in dealing with what should have been three straightforward non-response complaints. These should have been dealt with back in August and I apologise that this did not happen.  
  
We have received complaints from you relating to three separate FOI requests: on child sex abuse, on racial incident figures and on drug dealing. Your email below confirms that, as of Wednesday this week, you had not received a response to your request about racial incidents. If you would be kind enough to confirm whether you have received responses to either or both of the other requests, I will process all three complaints accordingly.  
  
Where responses are outstanding, we will ask GMP to respond within 10 working days. If they fail to do so, we will then look to issue a decision notice.  
  
Yours sincerely,  
  
Roger Cawthorne  
Lead Case Officer  
Information Commissioner's Office  
  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I have now been waiting over 100 days for a response to two FOI requests.

One pertains to racial incident figures, and the other is for Freedom of information request - GSA 1150/20, to which I responded on 14 September 2020.

I would like a response please.

Yours faithfully,

**Professor Barnie Choudhury**

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**From:** Barnie Choudhury <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** 11 September 2020 13:58  
**To:** FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk <FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Freedom of information request - GSA ref 1080/20

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your email.

The answer to this, and the two other outstanding FOI requests for drug related crime and child abuse is a very definite YES.

Yours faithfully,

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**From:** FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk <FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 11 September 2020 13:39  
**To:** barniechoudhury@hotmail.com <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Freedom of information request - GSA ref 1080/20

Dear Barnie

Ref: GSA 1080/20

We apologise for the delay in contacting you and thank you for your patience during this time.

We would be grateful if you could please advise by return if you still require the information you requested below on 03/04/2020.

**Please can you let me know how many racial incidents that Greater Manchester police investigated between Jan-Dec 2018 and Jan-Dec 2019?**

**I would like the figures broken down into:**

**1. age group e.g. infant school; primary school; secondary school; 18-30; 31-50; 51-70; over 70s or whichever way your service breaks down the age groups.**

**2. gender.**

**3. racial/ethnic groups of complainants e.g. white; Asian; African-Caribbean or whichever way your service breaks  down the racial/ethnic groups.**

**4. the crime committed e.g. violence with injury, sexual offences, arson and damage, stalking and harassment etc.**

**I would also like to know:**

**1. the result of the investigation e.g. charged, community resolution, not in the public interest etc.**

**2. how many were charged.**

**3. how many were passed to crown court.**

**4. the racial/ethnic group of the perpetrators.**

**Other forces have kindly sent me excel sheets of raw data, and I attach an example of part of one for your convenience. I would prefer an excel sheet to avoid any exemption under the FOI act concerning the idea that too many hours would be spent digging out this information.**

**I am sure you have the figures in some form because you must supply them to the Home Office. For that reason, I am happy to receive the data you have in the form you send them to the Home Office.**

**I am requesting this information because I cannot find it on your website. To repeat and stress, I believe you have figures for racial incidents because you report these to the Home Office. These should be easily accessible in some format, and it will not require your going over the hours necessary where you need to charge me.**

If we do not hear from you within 7 days of today's date, we will assume that you no longer wish to proceed with the request and we will close it.

Kind regards,

**FOI Team**

Information Compliance and Records Management Unit  
Information Services Branch  
Greater Manchester Police  
c/o Openshaw Complex, Lawton Street, Manchester M11 2NS

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*Thank you for your co-operation.*

**From:** Barnie Choudhury <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** 24 August 2020 17:34  
**To:** ICO Casework <icocasework@ico.org.uk>  
**Subject:** Request about drug dealing: IC-48498-W3N7

As requested. It is no 99 days since I sent in my original request.

**Professor Barnie Choudhury**

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**My last email which was never acknowledged.**

**From:** Barnie Choudhury <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** 01 July 2020 16:40  
**To:** FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk <FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk>  
**Cc:** FOI Inquiries <casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Drug related offences

Dear Sir or Madam,

It has now been 60 days since I requested information from you. I am now quite at a loss to understand why this is taking so long considering other forces have been able to help me, and since lockdown was eased a month ago.

I have sent in another FOI request which I have yet to receive a response, and I have sent one more in today.

I do think that this is now unacceptable a delay, and I ask you to comply with the statutory act.

Yours faithfully,

Professor Barnie Choudhury

**From:** FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk <FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 11 June 2020 15:28  
**To:** barniechoudhury@hotmail.com <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Drug related offences

Dear Barnie

Re: GSA 1150/20

Thank you for your email.

Unfortunately due to the current global pandemic we are all faced with, Greater Manchester Police (GMP), at this time, is unable to guarantee that your Freedom of Information request will be prioritised by the relevant business area and that statutory time scales will be met.  GMP sincerely apologises for any inconvenience this has caused you and thanks you for your support and patience at this difficult time.

Kind regards

**From:** Barnie Choudhury [mailto:barniechoudhury@hotmail.com]   
**Sent:** 10 June 2020 16:22  
**To:** Freedom of Information  
**Subject:** Re: Drug related offences

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is now 45 working days since I requested information under the FOIA.

I am aware of the ICO's advice to public organisations, but I have not received any update on the request below or that of another which I will email you about.

I do understand these are unusual times, but other police forces of a size comparable to yours have responded.

Please may I have a response?

Best wishes,

Barnie

**From:** FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk <FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 15 April 2020 09:04  
**To:** barniechoudhury@hotmail.com <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Drug related offences

Thank you for contacting the Greater Manchester Police Freedom of Information inbox. This email is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information request.

**Please note, that although every effort will be made to ensure a response is provided within statutory deadlines, due to current circumstances delays may be unavoidable.  We apologise for any inconvenience and will endeavour to process your request as quickly as is practicable**

There may be a fee payable for the retrieval, collation and provision of the information you request.  If this is the case you will be informed and the 20 working day timescale will be suspended until we receive payment from you. If you choose not to make payment then your request will remain unanswered.

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Should you have any enquiries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate in emailing [freedomofinformation@GMP.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@GMP.police.uk) or calling 0161-856-2529**.**

Thank you.

**From:** Barnie Choudhury [mailto:barniechoudhury@hotmail.com]   
**Sent:** 14 April 2020 16:09  
**To:** Freedom of Information  
**Subject:** Drug related offences

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name if Barnie Choudhury and I’m a freelance journalist.

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information. It is a different and unrelated FOI request to one you are already dealing with from me.

Please would you let me know how many arrests were made by Greater Manchester Police for drug and drug related offences between 1 Jan-31 Dec 2018, 1 Jan-31 Dec 2019 and 1 Jan-31 March 2020?

I would like the figures broken down into:

1. age group e.g. 0-10; 11-17; 18-30; 31-50; 51-70; over 70s or whichever way your service breaks down the age groups.
2. gender.
3. racial/ethnicity of suspects e.g. white; Asian; African-Caribbean or whichever way your service breaks down the racial/ethnic groups.
4. The class of drug.
5. An overall estimate street value of the drugs seized or whichever way you record the value of seizures.

I would also like to know how many ended up being charged and sent to court as a result of your investigations and how many were resolved without court action. I am happy for you to supply the raw data in an excel spreadsheet which I can analyse.

I am requesting this information because I cannot find it on your website. I believe you have figures for drug offences because you report these to the Home Office in one form or another. These should be easily accessible in some format, and it will not require your going over the hours necessary where you need to charge me.

If you need any further information from me in order to deal with my request, please e-mail me at [barniechoudhury@hotmail.com](mailto:barniechoudhury@hotmail.com). I would like the information to be emailed to me at [barniechoudhury@hotmail.com](mailto:barniechoudhury@hotmail.com).   
   
If you are able to supply some of this information more quickly than other items, please supply each item as soon as it becomes available.  
   
If it is necessary for any reason to redact any information, please redact the minimum necessary and send me the rest of the document(s), explaining the legal grounds for each redaction.  
   
Under FOI guidelines you have twenty working days to answer these questions. Please acknowledge receipt of this request.  
   
If you are not the right person to deal with this request, please would you pass it to the appropriate colleague and ask them to deal with it.  
   
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,   
   
Barnie Choudhury

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Initial email and acknowledgement

**From:** FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk <FreedomOfInformation@gmp.police.uk>  
**Sent:** 15 April 2020 09:04  
**To:** barniechoudhury@hotmail.com <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Drug related offences

Thank you for contacting the Greater Manchester Police Freedom of Information inbox. This email is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information request.

**Please note, that although every effort will be made to ensure a response is provided within statutory deadlines, due to current circumstances delays may be unavoidable.  We apologise for any inconvenience and will endeavour to process your request as quickly as is practicable**

There may be a fee payable for the retrieval, collation and provision of the information you request.  If this is the case you will be informed and the 20 working day timescale will be suspended until we receive payment from you. If you choose not to make payment then your request will remain unanswered.

Some requests may require either full or partial transference to another public authority in order to answer your query in the fullest possible way. Again, you will be informed if this is the case.

Should you have any enquiries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate in emailing [freedomofinformation@GMP.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@GMP.police.uk) or calling 0161-856-2529**.**

Thank you.

**From:** Barnie Choudhury [mailto:barniechoudhury@hotmail.com]   
**Sent:** 14 April 2020 16:09  
**To:** Freedom of Information  
**Subject:** Drug related offences

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name if Barnie Choudhury and I’m a freelance journalist.

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information. It is a different and unrelated FOI request to one you are already dealing with from me.

Please would you let me know how many arrests were made by Greater Manchester Police for drug and drug related offences between 1 Jan-31 Dec 2018, 1 Jan-31 Dec 2019 and 1 Jan-31 March 2020?

I would like the figures broken down into:

1. age group e.g. 0-10; 11-17; 18-30; 31-50; 51-70; over 70s or whichever way your service breaks down the age groups.
2. gender.
3. racial/ethnicity of suspects e.g. white; Asian; African-Caribbean or whichever way your service breaks down the racial/ethnic groups.
4. The class of drug.
5. An overall estimate street value of the drugs seized or whichever way you record the value of seizures.

I would also like to know how many ended up being charged and sent to court as a result of your investigations and how many were resolved without court action. I am happy for you to supply the raw data in an excel spreadsheet which I can analyse.

I am requesting this information because I cannot find it on your website. I believe you have figures for drug offences because you report these to the Home Office in one form or another. These should be easily accessible in some format, and it will not require your going over the hours necessary where you need to charge me.

If you need any further information from me in order to deal with my request, please e-mail me at [barniechoudhury@hotmail.com](mailto:barniechoudhury@hotmail.com). I would like the information to be emailed to me at [barniechoudhury@hotmail.com](mailto:barniechoudhury@hotmail.com).   
   
If you are able to supply some of this information more quickly than other items, please supply each item as soon as it becomes available.  
   
If it is necessary for any reason to redact any information, please redact the minimum necessary and send me the rest of the document(s), explaining the legal grounds for each redaction.  
   
Under FOI guidelines you have twenty working days to answer these questions. Please acknowledge receipt of this request.  
   
If you are not the right person to deal with this request, please would you pass it to the appropriate colleague and ask them to deal with it.  
   
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully,   
   
Barnie Choudhury

You can access many of our services online at [www.gmp.police.uk](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.gmp.police.uk%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C089123f4948b4370b1c008d7e113a4e0%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637225346795325615&sdata=0OIURiqtUr7HmPmG0lrJVzPtkg283P8q1RJKWphqaqQ%3D&reserved=0).

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**From:** ICO Casework <icocasework@ico.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 24 August 2020 16:27  
**To:** Barnie Choudhury <barniechoudhury@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** GMP complaints - docs required - ICO Case Reference: IC-48590-X7M8

24 August 2020  
  
Case Reference: IC-48590-X7M8  
  
Dear Professor Choudhury

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Your information requests to Greater Manchester Police (‘GMP’)**

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 July 2020 in which you complain about GMP’s handling of three FOIA requests. You state that GMP has not responded to these three requests but we do not have any copies of the supporting correspondence.

Your cases have been allocated reference numbers as follows:

Request about racial incident: IC-48590-X7M8

Request about drug dealing: IC-48498-W3N7

Request about child sexual abuse: IC-48593-H1F0

So that we can address any complaints about this matter please provide us with copies of the following:

* Your request for information (ie a copy of all three requests to GMP)
* (If GMP has now responded) its’ initial response to, or refusal of, each of the three requests
* (If applicable) your request for a review or complaint to GMP for each case
* (If applicable) GMP’s response/the outcome of their review for each case

Please note that if you have already requested an internal review for any of these requests, a public authority should complete it within 20 working days, and within a maximum of 40 working days in complex cases.

We will usually require unedited copies of email correspondence. The headers and footers contain information which we often need in order to assess a complaint.

When sending correspondence, please quote the reference number from the top of this email as it helps us to update your case. Please note that as our office remains closed at this time, it would be preferable if you could provide the documentation by email. **\*\*Please can you send three separate emails attaching the relevant paperwork for each request as set out above, quoting the applicable reference number. This is to ensure that the documentation is attached to the relevant complaint; thank you\*\*.**

More information on how we deal with FOIA and EIR complaints is available in our published guidance [How we deal with complaints – A guide for complainants](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fico.org.uk%2Fmedia%2Freport-a-concern%2Fdocuments%2F1043094%2Fhow_we_deal_with_complaints_guidance_for_complainants.pdf&data=02%7C01%7C%7C311f14f2d09541248a2108d848422851%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637338796269658405&sdata=BMwR1BGdnY0KjeDlVpSpIyZELRi0nOz5F%2BDvSv3%2FmUM%3D&reserved=0).

Thank you for bringing these concerns to the attention of the Information Commissioner. If you have any further queries then please contact the ICO on 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely

Sent on behalf of Laura Tomkinson

Group Manager

Information Commissioner’s Office

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