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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011073/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 19/07/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Since January 1 2020, please disclose the logs for every incident involving unidentified flying object/unidentified aerial phenomena recorded by your force.

Also please disclose the logs that feature at least one of these search terms: 'UFO', 'Alien', 'UAP' and 'spaceship'

For each incident log, please disclose:

- * The date and time the incident was reported.***
- * The general location it was recorded (I.E. the city/town/village)***
- * The incident log, exactly as it was recorded by the force, redacting any identifiable information which may otherwise prohibit disclosure. For example 'Male caller named (REDACTED) reports seeing four flashing lights hovering above his property in (REDACTED) street before a female was beamed into the sky'.***

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 some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. In order to be able to provide a response we would need to manually review each request that contained reference to UFO/Alien/UAP or spaceship to see which records related to your specific request. We did complete a search for the keywords listed but the appearance of the keywords in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request and a manual search

would still need to be conducted. A search of GMPs records shows a total 517 reported crimes in the timeframe requested and at a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes per crime would take this request to in excess of 43 hours to ascertain if the data required is relevant.

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 keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced with a shorter timeframe to produce less records to search. 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