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Our ref: GSA 3236/23

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 3236/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/06/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I'm requesting information on the number of arrests at Parklife Festival in the years 2018, 2019, 2022, and 2023.

If possible, I'd like this information to be categorised by reason for arrest within each year.

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. To provide a response would require each individual record to be manually reviewed to determine if a person was arrested or just detained by security or ejected from the event. A search of GMP's records shows a total of 350 – 700 records per year within the requested time period. At a very conservative estimate of 3 minutes per record, it would take this request to around 140 hours to ascertain the data required.

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, for example significantly

reducing the number of years you require the data. 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