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Our ref: GSA 01/FOI/23/004429/O

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 01/FOI/23/004429/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/07/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- ***The number of serving Greater Manchester police officers diagnosed with Sexsomnia (individual engaging in sexual acts while in non-rapid eye movement sleep).***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request.

However, GMP does not hold our relevant information in an easily retrievable format. To identify if we hold any of the requested information, all relevant records will need to be manually reviewed to determine if any police officers are diagnosed with Sexsomnia. As such, it is anticipated it would take in excess of 18 hours to locate the requested information. There are 8 000 paper records (approx) with a 20 minute review time each (to search and locate file and then review each document it holds) = (approx) 2666.66 hours.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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 remain within the fees limit and due to the enormity of the task and the resources which would be needed to undertake this request, we would advise to change the criteria being requested. 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