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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/002532/E

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/06/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has distributed an Interpol list to all forces containing a list of names of customers REDACTED

REDACTED was a seller of sodium nitrite and was based in Canada. Sodium nitrite was being used by suicidal people to end their lives,

I would like to know:

- How many names were provided to your force?*
- How many of those people were subsequently found to have died?*

To be clear, I only want two numbers - one number in relation to the amount of names, the other number in relation to the amount of deceased. I want no other details.

Result of Searches

Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information you requested as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of the following exemptions:

- **Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies**
- **Section 40(5) - Personal Information**

Sections 23 and 40 are absolute exemptions and as such no public interest test is required.

Section 23(5) Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies - Confirming or denying the existence of whether any other information is held would contravene the constrictions laid out within Section 23 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in that this stipulates a generic bar on disclosure of any information applied by, or concerning, certain Security Bodies.

Section 40(5) - Personal Information – giving information to a member of the public of the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) contravene any of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

To confirm that any information is held or not, could confirm personal data. In some circumstances confirming or denying whether information is held could itself identify a living individual and would therefore breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018, and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

This use of neither confirm nor deny should not be taken as proof that such information does or does not exist.

Therefore, in accordance with the Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this request.