

Date: 27/10/2023
Our ref: 01/FOI/23/011469/P

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011469/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. What is the total number of arrests were made related to 'Just Stop Oil' protests, including both protesters and those who have assaulted protesters?***
- 2. How many 'Just Stop Oil' protesters are currently being prosecuted or under investigation after being arrested?***
- 3. What is the breakdown of charges that these 'Just Stop Oil' protesters are being arrested over all those that were arrested?***
- 4. What is the total number of 'Just Stop Oil' protests in which the police have been called?***

For all questions above: Please provide any details or reports where possible from 2022-Present (inclusive).

If not then please provide the information for September 2022 – September 2023 (inclusive) and August 2021 – August 2022 (inclusive).

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.

We are unable to provide a response to the above request. As there is no HO code specific for "just stop oil arrests" we would have to complete a search containing the keywords "just" "stop" "oil" and this would bring up hundreds of incidents that would then require a full manual review to determine if this relates to the protests. A further review will then be needed to break them incidents down to see which relate to arrests and a breakdown of charges for each. Due to the time needed to complete such a big task it is anticipated it will exceed the 18hrs timeframe to provide a response.

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. Due to the enormity of work required to complete this request, there is no specific advice I can provide to bring this request within the fee's limit of under 18hrs. I can only advise further that GMP do not hold any data relating to prosecutions, as this data is held by His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS), so you can apply directly to HMCTS for part of Q2. If you do refine this request the resulting response cannot be guaranteed 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.

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