

Date: 19/10/2023
Our ref: 01/FOI/23/011485/P

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011485/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 13/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- How many times police officers have requested information including, but not limited to medical records, from any of the below organisations over the past five years (2019 - 2023, inclusive?)

-Please break down the figures year by year.

-Please also break down the figures by organisation.

-Please also specify the type of request, where possible, eg. request for medical records / request for details of patients who have missed appointments.

The organisations are:

- ***The Gynae Centre***
- ***The Portland Hospital***
- ***BPAS***
- ***City Health Care Partnership***
- ***Harley Street Specialists Ltd***
- ***MSI Reproductive Choices***
- ***NUPAS***

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.

For GMP to be able to provide you a response to your request it would require each of our divisions to conduct a manual trawl of all the emails, and any paper records we hold to see which are relevant to your request above. Due to the timeframe requested and the amount of work involved to see which are relevant it would exceed 18hrs 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. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information you are requesting will need to be requested with a much shorter timeframe for us to search under. You may also want to consider reducing the number of organisations listed for us to search with. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is needed to provide the data, therefore 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.