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Our ref: 01/FOI/23/011429/H

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011429/H**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*I'm researching the spread of small far-right groups who are opposed to the use of hotels to house asylum seekers.*

*Members argue that it leads to a rise in crime in the surrounding areas. I'd like to try and put these claims to the test.*

*Please could you provide figures for the number of crimes recorded between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 where the suspect was an asylum seeker?*

*Can you also provide a description of these crimes as recorded?*

*Can you also say if the suspect was charged?*

*Finally, where possible can you say if the suspect was staying in a hotel?*

**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, Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all crimes recorded within your time frame to establish the immigration status of the suspect, if indeed it has been recorded at all.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 to a greatly reduced time period. 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police).

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