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Our ref: 01/FOI/23/011474/M

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011474/M

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

- a. *How many internal misconduct investigations since 1 January 2018 to date have been categorised as Critical Incidents, as defined by the College of Policing ("Any incident where the effectiveness of the police response is likely to have a significant impact on the confidence of the victim, the family and/or the community.")?*
- b. *If yes, what was the nature of the allegations, as categorised by the IOPC bulletin data e.g. Breach of Code of Practice A-E PACE, corrupt practice, excessive use of unlawful arrest/detention, assault, improper access / disclosure of information, breaches of art 2 and 3 ECHR etc.*

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.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. There is no flag or marker on our recording system for critical incidents. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all disciplinary records within your requested timeframe in order to establish which were critical incidents.

A search of our records show that since 2018 we have recorded over 2,000 internal conduct files. At a very conservative estimate of 6 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 200 hours to ascertain the data required.

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.uk