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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011538/L

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide the following information for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 so far?

How many applications have been made under Clare's Law in the Wigan division for each year?

How many disclosures were made?

How many were "right to ask" and how many were "right to know"?

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 all the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested about "right to ask" and "right to know" prior to 2021 would involve a manual search of all Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme records from those years as this information is not recorded in a searchable format at the time.

A search of our records show that for just 2019 and 2020 there were 244 requests that would need to be manually reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 20 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 disclosures after 2021. 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