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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011436/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/10/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. Q, How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by individuals in 2022/23?**
- 2. Q, How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by foreign nationals in your force area 2022/23?**
- 3. Q, If possible could you provide a breakdown of these crimes and the countries these individuals are from?**
- 4. Q, How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by individuals in 2021/22?**
- 5. Q, How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by foreign nationals in your force area 2021/22?**
- 6. Q, If possible could you provide a breakdown of these crimes and the countries these individuals are from?**
- 7. Q, How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by individuals in 2020/21?**
- 8. Q, How many alleged offences have been recorded as crimes committed by foreign nationals in your force area 2020/21?**
- 9. Q, If possible could you provide a breakdown of these crimes and the countries these individuals are from?**

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. On GMPs reporting system there is no marker available for "*foreign nationals*" therefore to provide a response to Q 2, 3, 5, 6,8 & 9 would involve a manual search of all records. GMP record hundreds of thousands of crimes per year and it would require a manual review of all crimes to determine if the offender was foreign national and where they are from, if listed. With this it is anticipated it would take more than 18hrs to provide the information.

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 that you are requesting will need to be reduced to only ask for Questions 1, 4 and 7. 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.