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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011401/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/09/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request relating to all consultancy contract/service/project spend procured in the last 3 years and awarded either through open procurement or via commercial frameworks agreements with a single or multiple suppliers.

1. *Could please provide the following information:*
2. *Consultancy contract/service/project name or title*
3. *Relevant department/buying department*
4. *Start date of the contract/service/project delivery*
5. *End date of the contract/service/project delivery*
6. *Total award value/cost of the contract/service/project delivery*
7. *Supplier or suppliers contract/service/project was awarded to*
8. *How the contract/service/project was procured either via a framework agreement, or via open procurement.*

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 procurement records to establish if they meet your criteria.

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.

Details of current contracts, that are visible for Freedom Of Information, are available online through the [Bluelight Police Database](#). The Bluelight Police Database is searchable, so a requestor can search under category to find any relevant contracts. By clicking into each contract relevant information such as start, end dates and estimated contract value can be found.

A more detailed spend by supplier can be found through the [monthly transparency reports](#) which details each item of expenditure over £500.

Suppliers can register free on the [Bluelight e-tendering website](#), to get access to new tender opportunities within the Emergency Services.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk