



Date: 31/08/2023

Our ref: 01/FOI/23/011185/G

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011185/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/08/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The number of detainees who were strip searched by the GMP, broken down by gender and by the police station where the search took place. Please provide figures for 2020, 2021, and 2022.

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. To provide the break down of data you require would involve a significant piece of work to review all relevant records that we hold on our systems relating to strip searches. The auditable data we hold only goes back to January 2023 however the number of searches that have taken place would take over 18hrs to review to match your request.

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 revised. We may be able to provide data for the total number strip searches that have taken place across our region in 2023 without the break down for gender and location. 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.