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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011243/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 23/08/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

For the year ending December 2022:

- ***how many children (10-17 year olds) were remanded by your police force (i.e. refused post-charge bail and detained in police custody or a PACE bed until their court hearing)***
- ***what proportion of those children remanded by your police force went on to be remanded by the court***
- ***what was the breakdown of court outcomes received by children who were originally remanded by the police***

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. We don't have a direct search function to see if someone was remanded in custody. To fully ascertain whether the detainee was remanded in custody would mean manually reviewing all the files and cross-referencing with each detention log to see if they matched your request. GMP's initial search found over 7800 results and due to this it is anticipated it would take over 18hrs work to provide the information.

Please note GMP do not hold court outcomes nor whether someone is remanded by the court data as this is held by Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS). Please apply directly to HMCTS for such data.

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 a shorter timeframe. It may also be beneficial if the age range was reduced, however due to the scale of review required you may wish to change the criteria/request in its entirety. 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.