

Date: 16th April 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/012358/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/03/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Can you please provide information for research purpose?

Any available data on Streamlined Forensic Report (SFR) written between 2013 to 2023 OR any year range available and can be produced within the times allowed by FOI:

- 1. The number of stage 1 (MG22B) for fingerprint and DNA.***
- 2. The number of stage 2 SFR (MG22C and D) for fingerprint and DNA produced as a result of a challenge to initially written MG22B***
- 3. if possible, the criminal justice outcome (conviction or not) of the cases where these SFRs were used***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in question 3 in an easily retrievable format. There is no automated report which allows GMP to link fingerprint and DNA hits to outcomes therefore all records would need to be manually reviewed and this would return thousands of results. As such it is anticipated to exceed the 18 hour limit to provide a response.

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 much shorter 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.

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

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

Question 1

Year	Fingerprints	DNA
2017/18	967	820
2018/19	1080	869
2019/20	890	798
2020/21	1943	571
2021/22	1761	771
2022/23	1850	1449
2023/24	1790	1353

Question 2

Year	Fingerprints	DNA
2017/18	6	61
2018/19	6	63
2019/20	12	35
2020/21	12	42
2021/22	4	49
2022/23	9	56
2023/24	1	40