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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012909/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *In 2023, how many police hours were spent reviewing CCTV footage to search for/source incidents that had been reported?*
2. *In 2023, what proportion of CCTV was monitored in real time by a human?*
3. *In 2023, what proportion of CCTV was monitored in real time by technology such as AI?*
4. *Please provide a breakdown of the nature of reported incidents by category in 2022 and 2023 respectively. Categories to include: physical assault/harassment, sexual assault/harassment, muggings, hate crimes, other (please specify).*
5. *Please provide the number of reported incidents [of abuse/violence/street harassment/assault] by month in 2022 and 2023 respectively.*
6. *What number of the violent crimes reported in 2023 (including sexual offences) occurred in non-domestic locations? Non-domestic locations would include institutions (schools, nurseries, hospitals, care homes, etc.) in addition to public places.*
7. *Referring to incidents that took place in institutions (schools, nurseries/kindergartens, hospitals/hospices, care homes etc.) - in 2023, how many team hours were spent reviewing CCTV footage to search for/source incidents that had been reported to the police?*

8. *Referring to incidents that took place in institutions (schools, nurseries/kindergartens, hospitals/hospices, care homes etc.) - in 2022/23, how many cases did your teams find that the CCTV in question was not available or existent to corroborate the reported incident?*

Result of Searches

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested for question 6 alone would involve a manual search of all such crimes to establish whether the location is relevant to this request.

A search of our records shows that there are 720,056 records that would have to be reviewed manually. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take over 60,000 hours to ascertain the data required.

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.

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