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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012934/S**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

*Please can you provide me with the following information relating to Registered Sex Offenders (RSOs) and Sexual Harm Prevention Orders (SHPOs) under FOIA?*

*1/ a) How many registered sex offenders (RSOs) are there currently within the force's jurisdiction (on the date this request is answered)?*

*b) How many RSOs were within the force's jurisdiction in the 4 preceding years (i.e. 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020)?*

*c) How many people are currently on SHPOs within the force's jurisdiction?*

*d) How many people were on SHPOs in the 4 preceding years (i.e. 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020)?*

*2/ How many police officers are currently responsible for overseeing people on RSOs and SHPOs (where officers are part-time, please regard this as a 0.5 officer)? If there are different teams overseeing RSOs or SHPOs, please provide the different team sizes.*

*3/ a) How many people on SHPOs have been found to have breached the requirements of SHPOs in the year to date, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020?*

*b) Of those, how many received a custodial sentence (broken down by year)*

*4/ How many people on SHPOs are currently missing i.e. the force does not know their whereabouts?*

*Please use the response template to provide the information, which is attached.*

*For questions relating to preceding years please use the final day of the year (December 31st) as a comparator or, if collated differently, please try and compare with a similar set day or month in preceding years.*

## **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.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in questions 1 C and D would involve a manual search all records of people on preventative orders to establish which relate to SHPOs.

A search of our records shows that there are 3,050 preventative orders and a manual review would be required to establish which of those are SHPOs. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 254 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 in question 1 will need to be more broad rather than focusing on SHPOs. 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](mailto:freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk)