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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012967/B

I write in connection with your request for information dated 21/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

(A1) How many "working hours" have the department responsible for managing those subject to notification requirements under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 spent doing so within the years 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019?

(A2) Of those "working hours" how many were spent on managing those individuals classed as "low risk", and "no risk", individuals specifically for all of the years mentioned?

(B1) What was the financial cost to the Police Force relating to managing individuals subject to notification requirements under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019?

(B2) What was the financial cost to the Police Force in managing both "low risk" and "no risk" individuals specifically for all of the years mentioned?

(C1) For the years 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019 – how many applications were made by those subject to notification requirements under the Sexual Offences Act 2003 for removal from indefinite notification requirements pursuant to Part 2, sections 88 and 91 of that act?

(C2) Of those applications, for all of the years mentioned, how many were successful vs how many were unsuccessful?

(C3) What was the breakdown of the risk level, for all of the years mentioned, of the offenders who were granted permission to have their notification requirements removed?

(D1) For the years 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019 – how many individuals monitored by your police force, who are subject to notification requirements under the Sexual Offences Act 2003, reoffended within the period that they are subject to those notification requirements e.g. what is the recidivism rate?

(D2) Of the individuals that did reoffend whilst subject to notification requirements, what was their risk level prior to reoffending for all of the years mentioned?

(E1) What is the force's classification of a "historical sex offence" e.g. conviction takes place two / five / ten / twenty / thirty years prior to conviction?

(E2) Of the individuals that reoffended in the years 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019 whilst subject to notification requirements, how many had been convicted of crimes that would be classed as historical offences by your force?

(F1) How many individuals subject to notification requirements under the Sexual Offences Act 2003, that were classed as "low risk" / "no risk" by your force, AND had committed an offence that took place over ten years prior to their conviction, reoffended within the years 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019?

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 some of the information you have requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold all the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format or centrally on a reporting system. To determine the number of working hours spent, as requested in questions A1 and A2, would require us to manually contact all officers who work or have previously worked in the relevant department in order for them to manually calculate how much of their working time they have spent in a manner that would be within the scope of your request.

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