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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012864/V

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/06/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The following request is made under the freedom of information Act 2000.

Police provide the latest breakdown of the following categories by rank (including detective ranks) as well as specialist roles such as firearms officers and public order.

- 1a) Gender**
- 1b) At birth and self ID**
- 2) Sexual orientation**
- 3) Education level**
- 4) Age**

Clarification - How many Constables are male/female, each ones gender at birth and self ID now, each ones sexual orientation/education level and age?

And the same for each other rank?

Result of Searches

GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf

GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold some information relating to your request. A review would need to be carried out against each officers' personal files to see if we have recorded their "educational level" "gender at birth" and to see if we have their "self ID". This manual review would need to cover approximately 8000 personal file records. Due to the level of work required, to confirm whether the information is held would take over 18 hours.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating 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 you are requesting will need revising with a reduction in the volume of data you require. Removing the 3 categories mentioned above may then allow for some data to be collated. However, 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.