

Date: 19th August 2024
Our ref: FOI/24/013029/Y

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/07/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The amount of referrals [REDACTED] has made which have resulted in people in his custody being sectioned, with a time frame of the previous 6 months from today.
&
The amount of people [REDACTED] authorised to be sectioned under the mental health act, with a 6month date range backdated from April 10 2022.

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 an easily retrievable format. There is no search parameter within our system to determine how many referrals a specific officer has made. To provide a response, hundreds of Section136 detention records would need to be manually reviewed to determine who the custody sergeant was in charge of the case. As such it is anticipated to exceed the 18 hour limit.

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