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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013127/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16/08/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. Between 2010 - 2024 - Can you provide statistics how many Police Officers (Police Constables) were there in total whose probation was extended or there was a recommendation for an extension? and what was their race and religion?.***
- 2. Between 2010 and 2024 How many officers and members of the public reported or complained of discrimination/hate crime to your force?.***
- 3. Between 2010 - 2024 How much money was invested or spent to tackle racism and discrimination in your force?.***
- 4. How many people used social media to steer or cause riots between July and August 2024?. (Example On facebook 15000 thousand people posted to go on a riot and encouraged others to break things, or commit crime. on twitter 10000 and so forth).***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format.

Question 4 cannot be completed without GMP completing a manual review of all the social media posts that may be deemed relevant this request. As you can imagine the scope for this would be extremely broad with multiple platforms and would be a mammoth task to undertake using keyword searches, intelligence and basic searching. All results located would then need to be screened to ensure they satisfy the criteria GMP are looking for and then to check which match your question. Due to the large-scale review that would be needed this request will not be able to be completed within the 18hrs permitted and would far exceed this.

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 you are requesting will need revising with the removal of Q4. 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.