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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013386/Q

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/10/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

The number of arrests made on public transport around Greater Manchester month-by-month over the last 12 months.

Breakdown into on what transport modes, the arrests were made and how many arrests were made on each mode of transport.

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.

GMP would be unable to provide the information relating to whether arrests took place on public transport without carrying out a manual review. This is due to the way our system records this information. After completing a search, there have been over 66,000 arrests between 31/10/2023 – 31/10/2024 and to review each one of these would most certainly exceed the 18hrs permitted to provide the requested data.

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 a much shorter timeframe. With any request that requires a manual review there is always a chance of a request being refused under S12 due to the enormity of work that is usually needed to provide the data, therefore 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.