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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013538/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Publish all available data on the effectiveness of 'Operation Avro'.

For example: How has it effected overall crime statistics?

I also note your clarification, provided on 30/10/2024:

By "effectiveness" I mean how has the operation effected crime rates across the city region and what data has been collected on this?

On the same topic, I'd also request details on how much the operation has costed over its lifespan and what is it's operating budget.

Result of Searches

Information relating to part one of your request is not held in an easily retrievable format, if it is indeed held at all. There is no centrally held record of costs associated with Operation Avro. In order to provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possibly each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish their working time spent on Operation Avro in order to calculate costs.

To comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work and therefore exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, 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. The only advice that GMP can give is that you specify a particular divisional area within GMP to make your request more manageable within the fees limit of the act, although this still may not be possible for even one divisional area.