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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013694/Z

I write in connection with your request for information dated 22/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding motorists who have been arrested over the festive period during the past five years (2019 to 2023). Specifically, I am requesting the following information:

1. *The Number of Arrests*
 1. *The total number of motorists arrested on:*
 1. *Christmas Eve*
 2. *Christmas Day*
 3. *Boxing Day*
 4. *New Year's Eve*
 5. *New Year's Day*
2. *Details of Arrests*
 1. *The offences for which they were arrested, including but not limited to:*
 1. *Speeding*
 2. *Drink driving*
 3. *Drug driving*
 4. *Dangerous or reckless driving*
 5. *Other motoring offences*
3. *Severity of the Incidents*
 1. *The context or severity of each incident, such as:*
 1. *Whether the driver was pulled over or involved in an accident*

2. *What the driver was driving or riding*
3. *If there were any fatalities or injuries, and the severity of these outcomes*
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4. *Demographic Information*
 1. *The age and gender of:*
 1. *The perpetrators (arrested motorists)*
 2. *Any victims involved (where applicable)*

5. *Incident Summaries*
 1. *If feasible, I would like to request a brief description of the incidents.*

I kindly ask that all provided data be anonymised to ensure compliance with data protection laws. If providing some of the requested information is not feasible or would exceed cost limits, I would appreciate it if you could prioritise the sections that can be fulfilled within those limits. If any part of my request requires clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me via the email address provided above.

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.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested in questions 3 and 5 would involve a manual search of all arrest records.

Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore 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 greatly reduced time period. Please also consider providing specific legislation that you would like us to search for arrests made under. 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