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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/013723/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/11/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Could you please search provide me with details of reported crimes where a search of the MO section of your crime database refers to "onlyfans" or "Only Fans". My request relates to crimes reported during the last five years from November 2019 to November 2024.

I would like to know the number of crimes reported over this period and can you please also provide me with the copies or summaries of the MO section of the incident report, with any personal data removed or redacted?

Lastly, could you tell me the outcome of each case - whether there were any arrests, prosecutions and convictions, or whether they were NFA'ed?

If this requests exceeds the cost limit, could you provide me with as many copies or summaries of the MO section of the incident report as you can within the time limit?

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 need to complete a manual review to be able to provide the data requested above. The appearance of the keywords such as Only and fans in the text fields does not necessarily mean that records are relevant to this request and may produce results containing the words Only or fans separately. For this reason, a manual review will be needed to check which results are relevant to what is being asked. Initial searches have narrowed down almost 250 records and to confidently

provide the accurate data would take in the region of 20hrs to retrieve at a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per review.

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 reduce time frame being requested. 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.