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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012123/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/02/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

As of (a) 1st January 2024, or (b) if not available for 1st January then the most recent date this information is available for, how many outstanding arrest warrants did the police force have?

And if this number could be broken down by the offence sub-group it is related to?

I would like you to provide this information in the following format:

Total number of outstanding arrest warrants as of 1st Jan 24: XXXX Total number of outstanding arrest warrants as of [most recent date info is available]: XXXX Number of outstanding arrest warrants by offence sub-group

Arson: XXXX

Bicycle theft: XXXX

Criminal damage: XXXX

Death or serious injury - unlawful driving: etc.

Domestic burglary

Homicide

Non-domestic burglary

Other sexual offences

Other theft offences

Possession of drugs

Possession of weapons offences

Public order offences
Robbery
Shoplifting
Stalking and harassment
Theft from a vehicle
Theft from the person
Theft of a motor vehicle
Trafficking of drugs
Vehicle interference
Violence with injury
Violence without injury
Miscellaneous crimes against society
Rape offences

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested relating to the numbers of warrants per sub-group is held by Greater Manchester Police. However, I am not obliged to supply this information held as an exemption applies. The request is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemptions: **Section 30(1) – Investigations and Proceedings Conducted by Public Authorities**

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Disclosure

To disclose the exempt information, into the public domain, would show GMP's accountability, and satisfy the public, that investigations into such incidents are being conducted correctly. It would also show GMP's use of public funds in apprehending suspects of crimes.

Section 30 - Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release the data that is related to investigations that remain open may seriously undermine GMP's ability to complete those investigations to a full and correct conclusion.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain, therefore arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be the fact that disclosure would encourage transparency. This needs to be weighed against the strongest reason for non-disclosure, which in this case is the impact on GMP's ability to complete investigations to a full and correct conclusion. Therefore, having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is the decision at this time to maintain the above exemption and withhold the information from disclosure.

The rest of the information you have requested is below.

As of 15/02/2024, GMP had 4,885 outstanding warrants.