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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011723/K

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

1. *Can you confirm if Interpol notices/diffusions are used to transmit outgoing TaCA warrants?*
2. *Can you confirm if Interpol notices/diffusions are used to transmit outgoing extradition requests to non-EU countries?*
3. *For European Arrest Warrants that were issued/requested before 2021 by your force but that are still valid (i.e. the individual has not yet been arrested), have they all been changed to Interpol notices/diffusions?*
4. *What is the process for an Interpol notice/diffusion to be issued? E.g. does your force issue them directly or is a request made to a specific agency or body.*
5. *How many Interpol notices and diffusions (issued or requested by your force) are currently valid? Please provide a breakdown by 'colour' and region/country the alert was sent to, if applicable.*
6. *Same as Q6, but for the total number of notices and diffusions issued or requested by your force.*
7. *Please disclose any reports or assessments concerning the efficacy of TaCA warrants versus the European Arrest Warrant.*

Result of Searches

Information relating to questions 5 and 6 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 Interpol notices and diffusions and to provide such data would require each division, sub-division and possibly each individual officer to undertake necessary searches to establish if Interpol Notices or diffusions have been requested and if so the details on the colour and territories covered.

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.

Additionally, there is information in the public domain from the [Crown Prosecution Service](#) and the [National Crime Agency](#) relating to TaCA warrants and the transition from European Arrest Warrants.