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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011726/N

I write in connection with your request for information dated 27/11/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I would like to submit a freedom of information request regarding information on drink and drug drivers

- 1. What percentage of people who were originally arrested for drink or drug driving were then charged of this offence?*
- 2. Within the last 5 years, how many persons have been arrested and charged for drink driving?*
- 3. Within the last 5 years, how many persons have been arrested and charged for drug driving?*
- 4. Within the last 5 years, how many persons have attended court Within 24hours of being charged for drink driving?*
- 5. Within the last 5 years, how many persons have attended court Within 24hours of being charged for drug driving?*
- 6. Within the last 5 years, how many persons have been bailed with conditions not to drive after being charged for drink driving?*

7. Within the last 5 years, how many persons have been bailed with conditions not to drive after being charged for drug driving?

8. Within the last 5 years, how many Road traffic collisions have occurred with suspects also being charged for drink or drug driving?

9. Within the last 5 years, how many fatalities have been caused through road traffic collisions due to the driver drink or drug driving?

10. How many persons were arrested at the roadside and proven to be positive after the station procedure and charged?

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, 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 4-10 of your request would involve a manual search of all custody records for drink drive and drug drive arrests to see if the information requested is recorded.

A search of our custody records shows that for the last five years there are 11,893 records that would have to be reviewed. At a very conservative estimate of 5 minutes to locate, retrieve and review each file it would take approximately 991 hours to ascertain the data required.

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. 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